CHAPTER 9 : MEAL

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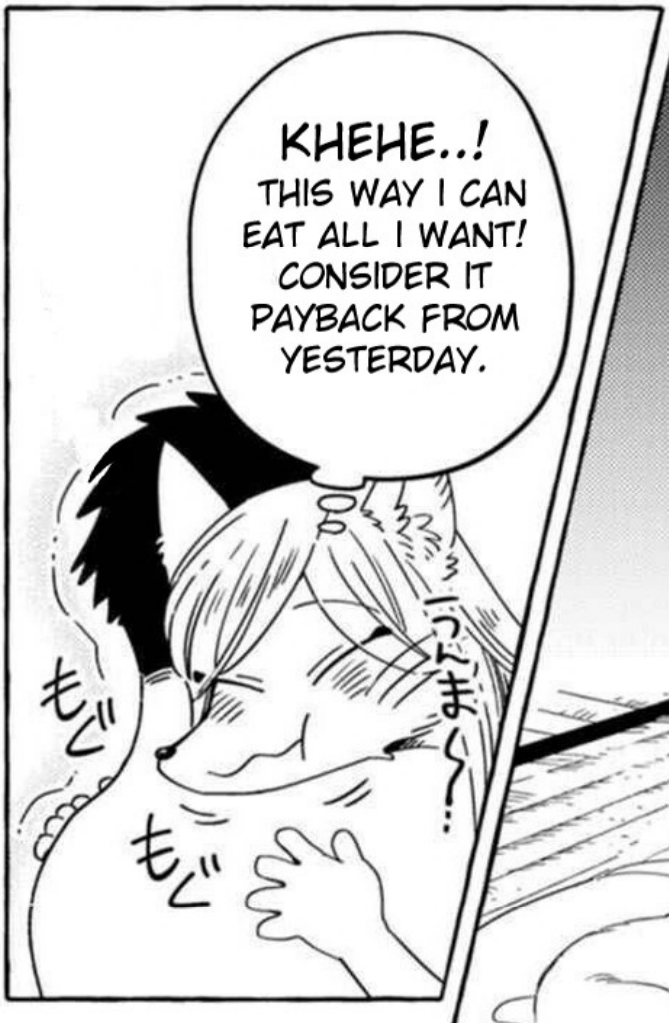
I'M... FINE...
HUFF... HOW ARE YOU DOING?

OH? HAHA, SURE.
HEY... CAN YOU HUG ME? THAT WAY WE ALWAYS DO?


KHEHE..! THIS WAY I CAN EAT ALL I WANT! CONSIDER IT PAYBACK FROM YESTERDAY.
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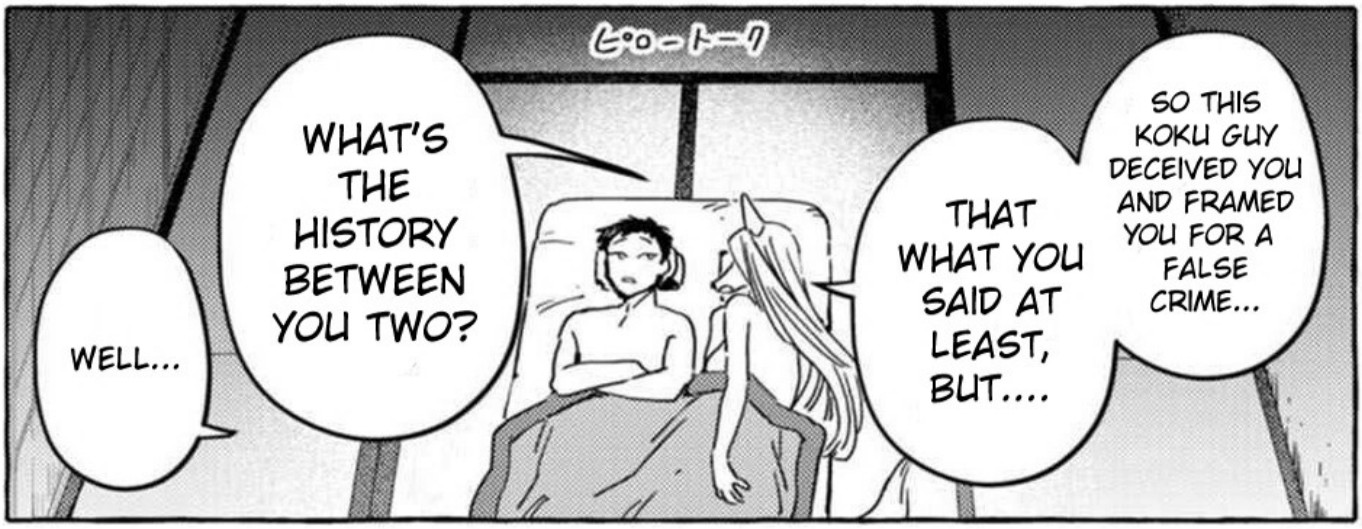
I LOVE THEM. ♡
YOU CERTAINLY LIKE YOUR HUGS, HUH?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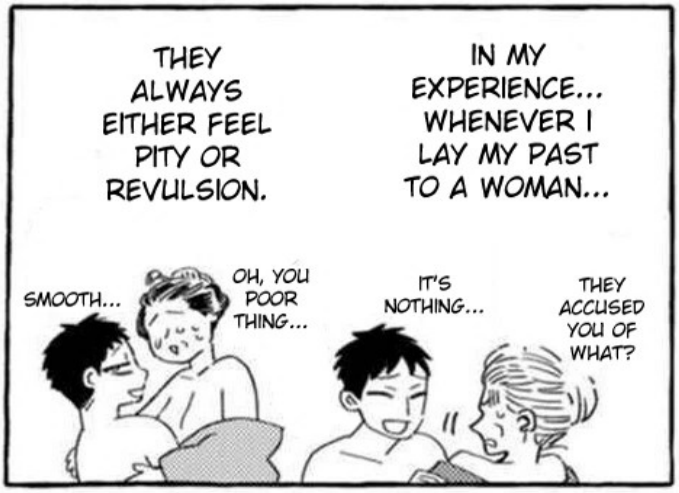
WELL...
WHAT'S THE HISTORY BETWEEN YOU TWO?
THAT WHAT YOU SAID AT LEAST, BUT....
SO THIS KOKU GUY DECEIVED YOU AND FRAMED YOU FOR A FALSE CRIME...

THE PAST DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAYS.
WHAT MATTERS IS US RIGHT NOW.
OH! MY TIME TO SHINE...
THINGS SHOULD GO SMOOTHLY LIKE THIS.


THEY ALWAYS EITHER FEEL PITY OR REVULSION.
IN MY EXPERIENCE... WHENEVER I LAY MY PAST TO A WOMAN...
SMOOTH...
OH, YOU POOR THING...
IT'S NOTHING...
THEY ACCUSED YOU OF WHAT?

LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.
I WOULD RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT THAT, IT BRINGS NOTHING BUT BAD MEMORIES.
SORRY, BUT...
OH MY!

SO THIS IS THE BASE-MENT...
YOU'VE GOT QUITE THE STORAGE, HUH?

YOU CAN COOK PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING WITH THIS MANY INGREDIENTS.
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THIS IS ALL FROM HUMAN OFFE-RINGS?
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ONCE IN A WHILE, THEY HOLD SOME SORT OF CEREMONY,
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AND THE OFFERINGS ARE EXTRA LARGE!
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BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS...
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I KNOW I PROMISED TO MAKE HER BREAKFAST THE OTHER DAY...
BECAUSE OF THE BARRIER, NONE OF IT EVER ROTS! COOL, HUH?

IS GRUEL.
ALL I KNOW HOW TO COOK...

BUT NO ONE EVER TAUGHT ME HOW...
WHEN KOKU TOOK ME IN, I WAS IN CHARGE OF COOKING.

THE ONLY THINGS WE COULD RELIABLY GET WERE...
WAIT, THAT'S IT?
AND THE INGREDIENTS WE COULD BUY WERE JUST TOO LITTLE.

AND BROKEN RICE.

GRASS FROM THE GROUND.

SCRAPS FROM THE TOWNSFOLK.

PUT IT ALL IN A BOWL, FILL WITH WITH TONS OF WATER, THEN BOIL IT.

FOR A VAGA-BOND LIKE ME...

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SUDDENLY HAVING ALL THIS?
WHAT THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

WHAT DO I COOK ???
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I CAN'T WAIT!
OOOH... I WONDER WHAT YOU'LL MAKE...
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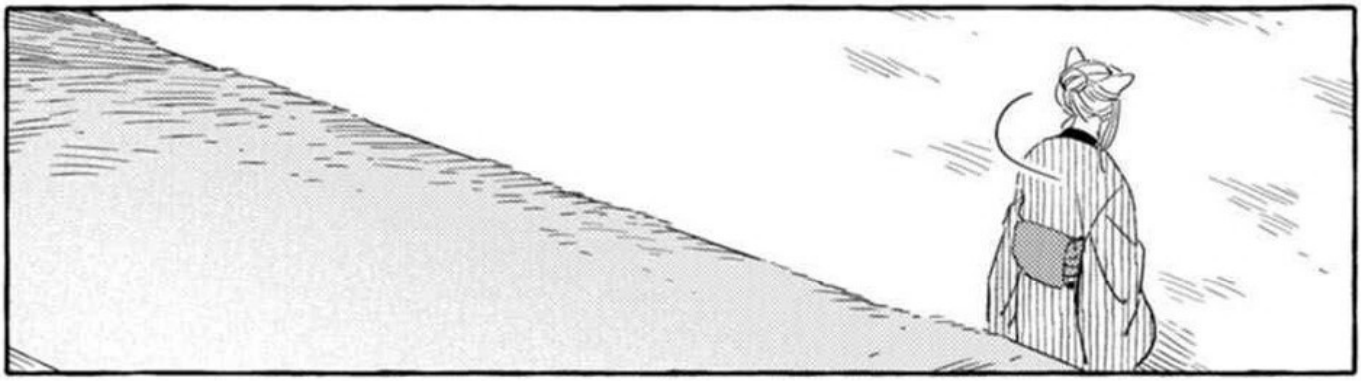
MAYBE I CAN ASK FOR HELP?
I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS...
THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAS EVER COOKED FOR ME...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WHAT YOU MAKE DOESN'T TURN OUT TO BE THE BEST...
I WOULD STILL BE HAPPY TO TRY YOUR COOKING...
SO THERE'S NOTHING TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT, OK?
AWW, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME...
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING YOU TRULY ENJOY.
I'M SUCH A FUCKING IDIOT!

YOU PICKED A LOT OF INGREDI-ENTS...
YOU'RE MAKING BREAKFAST, RIGHT?
I JUST PICKED WHATEVER CAUGHT MY EYE, BUT...
WHAT CAN YOU EVEN MAKE WITH THESE..?
STARE
UUH... KOHAKU?
YES?
CAN YOU LIKE... GO FOR A WALK WHILE I COOK?

WELL, HE DOES HAVE THE MASK...
FUFU, GUESS HE WANTS TO KEEP IT A SURPRISE.
THAT'S SO CUTE OF HIM...
ALRIGHT, BUT DON'T LEAVE THE BARRIER WHILE I'M GONE, OK?
YEAH, YEAH, DON'T WORRY, JUST GO OK?
...OK.
BUT IT'S USELESS AGAINST STRONGER SPIRITS...
THOUGH IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE THAT STRONG...
WOULD BOTHER WITH ANOTHER ONE'S PREY, RIGHT?

WOULD BOTHER COMING BACK ANYMORE...
I DOUBT THAT GUY...



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HMM..
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY BUBBLES...?
SCUM HOTPOT
HOHOH!
WHAT'S THIS, LITTLE GUY?

THE BARRIER..!
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WHO...
Y'KNOW...

IT JUST AIN'T THE SAME...
...WITHOUT A PINCH OF HUMAN IN IT, YOU SEE?

HAVING A HUMAN AROUND ISN'T AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS...
DO HURRY AND SERVE THE TEA.
WHY...

CHAPTER 10 : GOURMET

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THAT BURNED..
HAHA!
THE WAY YOU SKITTERED LIKE THAT...
IT'S ALMOST LIKE A REAL MONKEY!
HEY.
...
DID YOU KNOW THAT KOHAKU IS A FOX?
OH, BUT IT IS.
HUH?
SO WHAT IF I DO?
IT AIN'T NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
WHAT DO I DO...

HUUUH?
I'M HER MATE. ♡
YOU SEE, I'M KOHAKU'S EX-HUSBAND.
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...YOU'RE NOT AFRAID?
SO EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW SHE'S A FOX...

WELL, SHE IS RATHER CARING.
SHE'S PROBABLY A GOOD PET OWNER.
OI OI...
ALL THIS LOVE TALK OF YOURS...

YOU THINK I CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT!?

YOU DON'T OWN SHIT HERE!
GET OUT OF MY PROPERTY!
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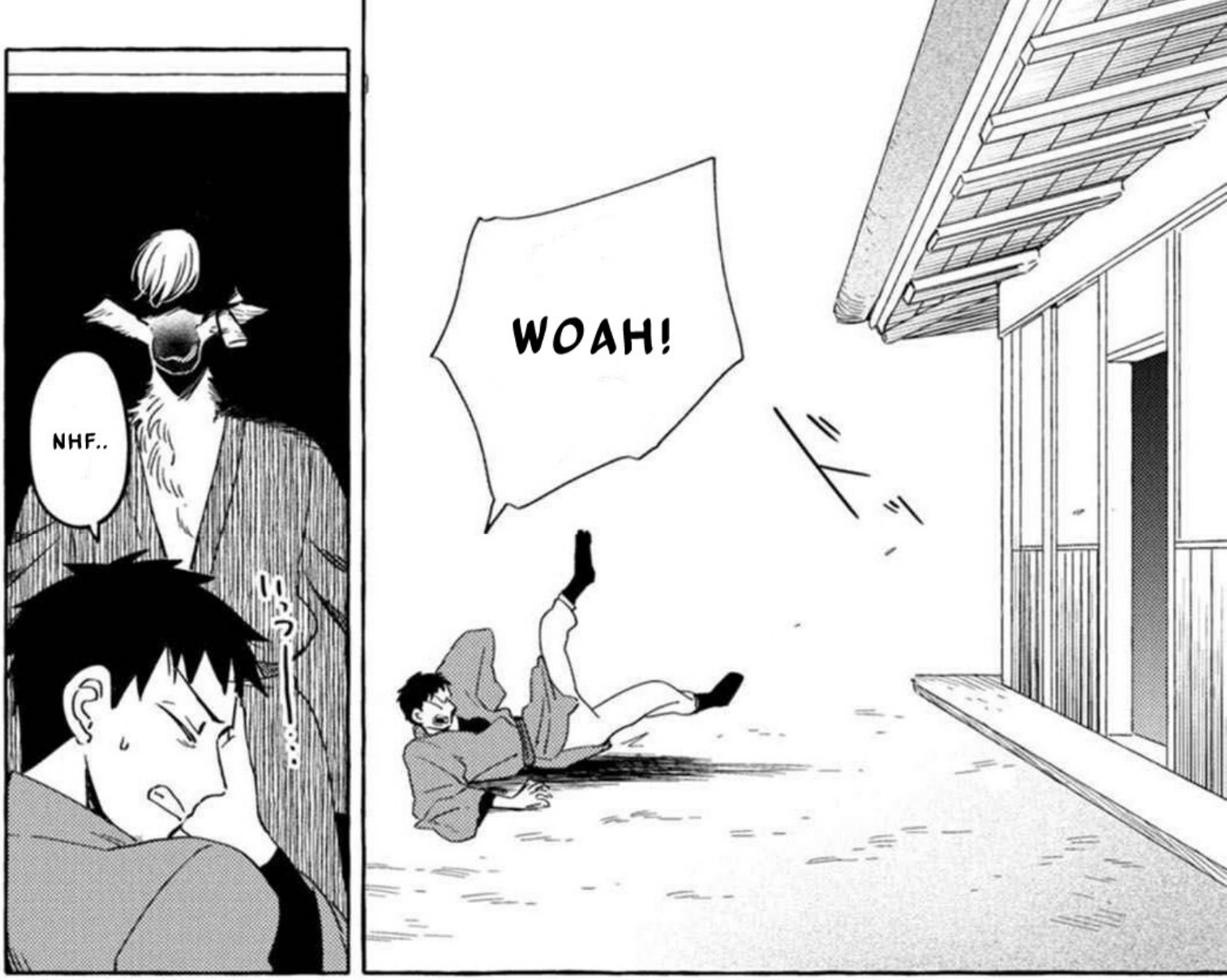
HE'S LAUGH-ING...
I CUT HIS FACE IN HALF, AND HE'S LAUGHING?!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WOAH!

WHEN IT COMES TO EATING HUMANS...
...I HAVE SOME SPECIFIC METHODS, IF YOU WILL.

SUFFERING CAN ALTER THE SAVORINESS OF YOUR FLESH.
AND HUMANS ARE A RATHER EMOTIONAL BUNCH...
THE BIGGER THE SUFFERING, THE BETTER THE SAVORINESS, SIMPLE RIGHT?
BUT...
YOU SEEM TOUGHER THAN MOST TYPES.
WHAT?
SO... MAYBE I COULD USE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF TORTURE.
GRAB ♡

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SOME HUMANS GO THROUGH A LOT OF PAIN, AND SO THEY BUILD SOME RESISTANCE TO IT.
REGULAR TORTURE WON'T WORK AS WELL, SO ALL YOU NEED TO USE A DIFFERENT TYPE...
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WHA-..!
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YOU KNOW I'M A DUDE, RIGHT?!

DAM-NIT!
DIE ALREADY!
MY, WHAT A STRANGE THING TO ASK.
DO YOU CARE IF THE FISH ON YOUR PLATE IS MALE OR FEMALE?
KUKU
SEE? YOU ALREADY SMELL DIFFERENT!
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DUURR
THIS ISN'T WORKING! ALL I CAN DO IS RUN!

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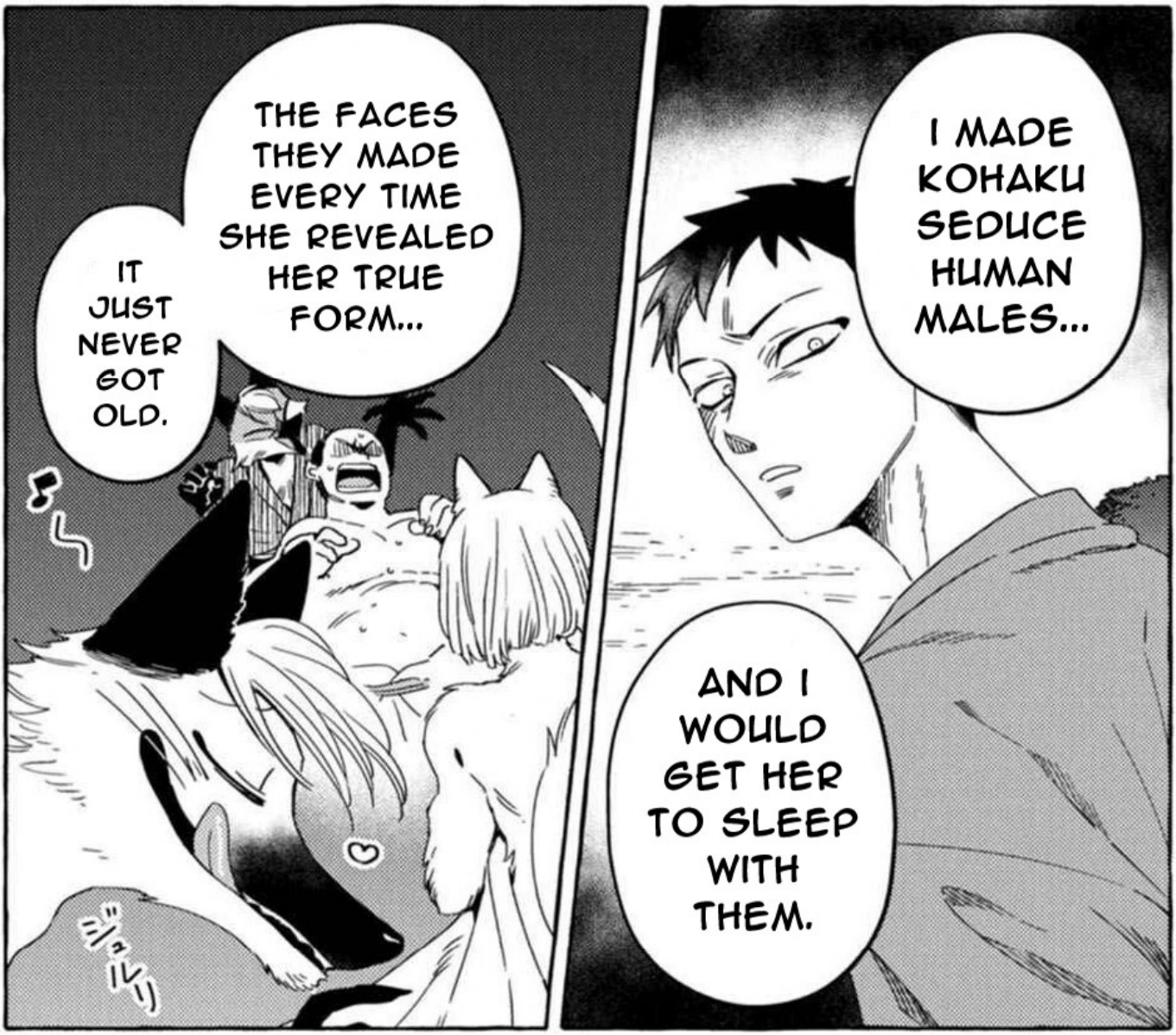
JUST SO YOU KNOW, KOHAKU ISN'T ALL THAT DIFFERENT.
SHE UNDERS-TOOD MY METHODS.


I MADE KOHAKU SEDUCE HUMAN MALES...
AND I WOULD GET HER TO SLEEP WITH THEM.
THE FACES THEY MADE EVERY TIME SHE REVEALED HER TRUE FORM...
IT JUST NEVER GOT OLD.
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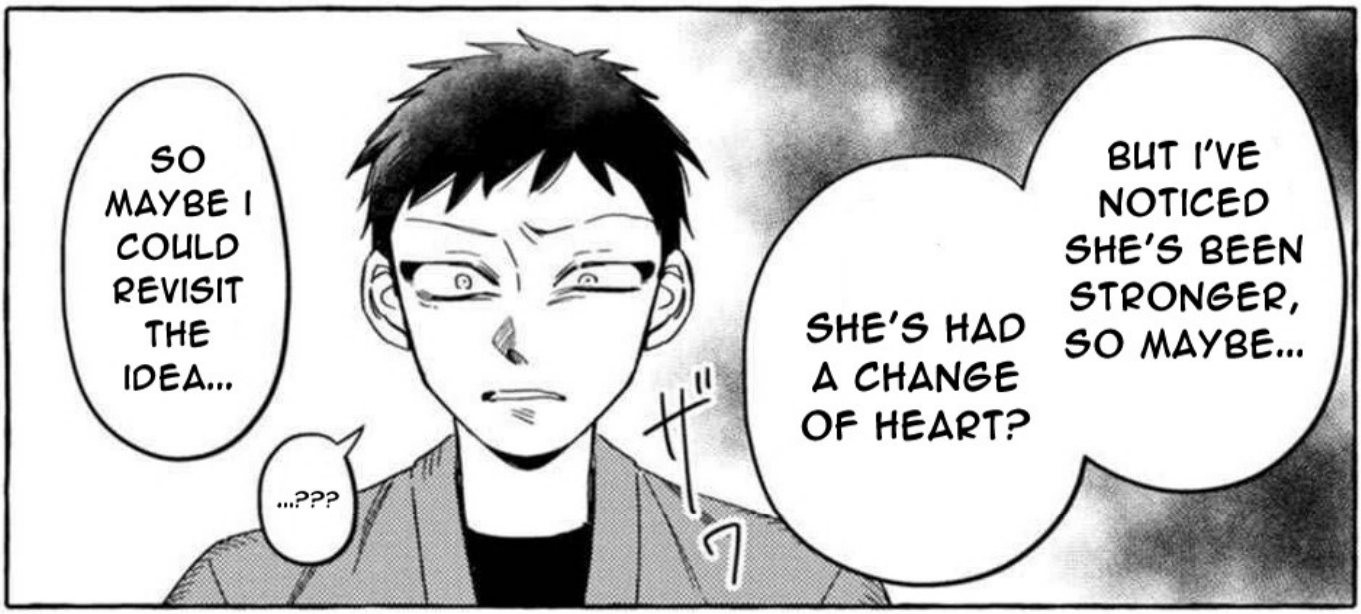
WE USED TO BE QUITE THE TEAM BACK THEN!
!?
YOU SURE TALK A LOT...
YOU'RE HERE FOR A REASON.
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?
WHAT GIVES? I JUST THOUGHT THAT ...
MAYBE I'D LET YOU KNOW THAT KOHAKU ...
ISN'T THE SWEET FOX YOU THINK SHE IS.
WELL, WHATEVER. THE REASON I'M HERE IS THAT KOHAKU ONCE TOLD ME SHE WANTED CHILDREN.
.....!

AND JUST WHO WOULD EVER TAKE HER AS A WIFE?
BUT THE CHILD BORN WOULD BE HUMAN.
THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT THE SMELL OF THEIR MALES THAT I HATE, YOU SEE.

AND SO, SHE LEFT.
SHE DIDN'T TAKE MY OPINIONS VERY WELL...


SO MAYBE I COULD REVISIT THE IDEA...
...???
SHE'S HAD A CHANGE OF HEART?
BUT I'VE NOTICED SHE'S BEEN STRONGER, SO MAYBE...

...MAYBE YOU COULD LET ME HAVE A TURN ON HER?
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU-
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU ON ABOUT!!
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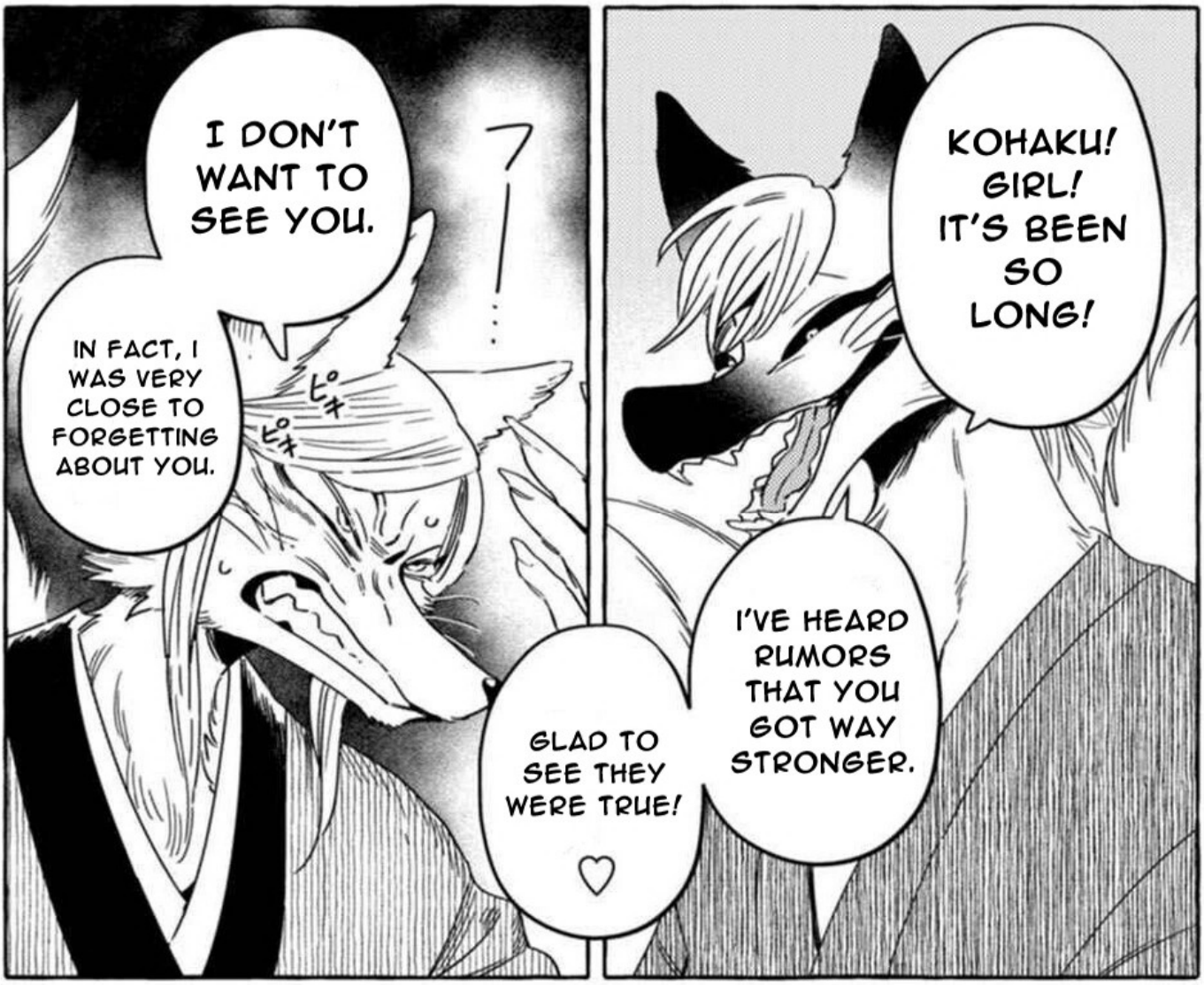
KOHAKU! GIRL! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU GOT WAY STRONGER.
GLAD TO SEE THEY WERE TRUE!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU.
IN FACT, I WAS VERY CLOSE TO FORGETTING ABOUT YOU.
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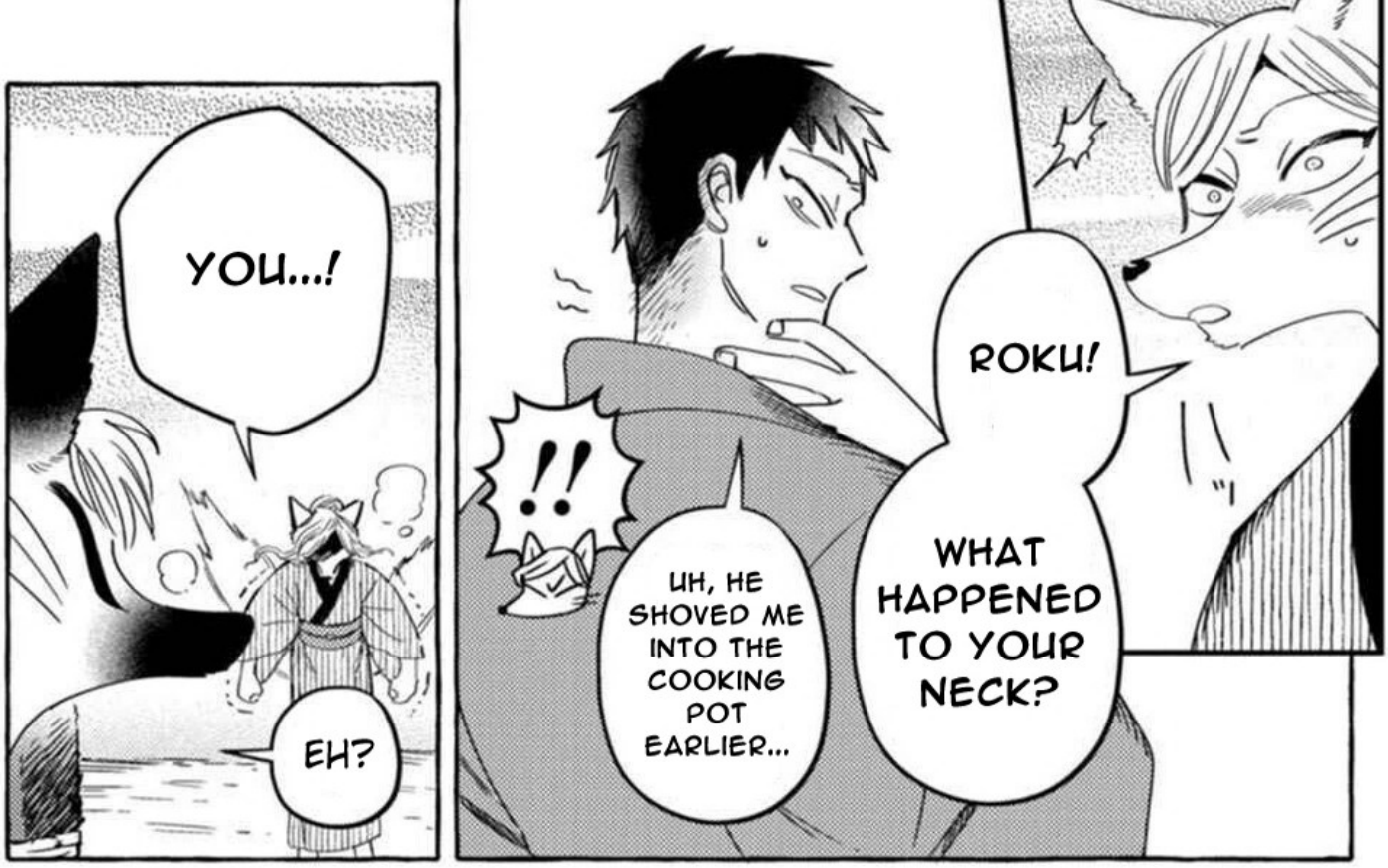
OH COME ON, DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
JUST WHAT IS HIS BLOODY ISSUE?
YOU'VE GROWN JUST FOR ME, HAVEN'T YOU?
CAN'T HE JUST SHRIVEL UP AND DIE?


YOU...!
EH?
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UH, HE SHOVED ME INTO THE COOKING POT EARLIER...
ROKU!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NECK?

OH, SHE'S PRETTY MAD...
SUMIKO!
YOU DARE LAY A HAND ON WHAT'S MINE?!

WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO COOK SOMETHING FOR YOU.
AS A NICE, THOUGHTFUL GIFT FOR WHEN YOU ARRIVED HOME.
I EXPECTED YOU TO ENJOY IT, BUT...
WELL...
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE AVERAGE HUMAN, BUT...
HMM, GUESS SHE WAS SAVING HIM FOR LATER...
STAY BEHIND ME, ROKU!

WHO SAID YOU COULD TASTE HIM?!
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NAH, HE'S STILL FINE.
HE'S NOT BURNT OR ANYTHING.
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COME ON, HURRY!
HA HA! YOU GOT HIM!

HMM, SALTY.
TSK..
WOAH, YOU'RE LIKE AN ACROBAT.
SHUT UP YOU TOO!
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SORRY, BUT HE'S WAY STRONGER THAN ME.
I CAN'T DEAL WITH HIM MYSELF.
YEAH, I SHANKED HIS FACE AND HE JUST BRUSHED IT OFF...

BUT DON'T WORRY ...
I ALREADY CALLED BACKUP.
BACKUP ?

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YES, AND HE'S JUST ARRIVED!
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WAIT, HIM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HIM"?
I WAS DRAGGED HERE BY FORCE, YOU KNOW?!

OH, A NEW GUY.
WAIT, THAT'S SUMIKO!
HE'S A FIVE TAIL KITSUNE, I CAN'T DEAL WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
WELL, UHHH...
ALL THESE NEW FACES... THINGS HAVE CHANGED QUITE A BIT SINCE I WAS GONE...
I'M GOING HOME, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
DON'T BE MISLED, KOHAKU.
I'M NOT HERE TO TAUNT YOU.
I CAME HERE, BECAUSE I WANTED TO GIVE US ANOTHER TRY.
WHEN I SAID NO ONE WOULD TAKE YOU IN, IT WAS MEANT AS A JOKE...
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HURT YOU LIKE THAT...

SUMIKO.
LET ME LAY IT OUT FOR YOU.
I HAVE ZERO INTENTION OF GOING BACK TO YOU...
MUCH LESS BECOMING YOUR MATE.
!
SO GET IT OVER YOUR HEAD...
IT'S NOT HAPPEN-ING!
!?

BUT... WHY?
...WHY?
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YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY?
I'VE LONG GIVEN UP ON EXPLAINING TO YOU...

THAT'S...IT?

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You... don't like me anymore?
JUST LIKE THAT?
REJECTED, LIKE THIS?
WHA...

Maybe... maybe it's a dream!
If I pinch my cheek, I'll just wake up, right?
It's not... oooo ohhh....
HE'S UH...
NOT TAKING IT WELL.
IT'S GETTING KIND OF EMBARRA-SSING, YEAH.
OH, POOR GUY...

UM...
SUMIKO... SAN... SIR...
HUUUH?? WHY ME?
HEY, CAN YOU GO TALK TO HIM? MAKE HIM GO AWAY?
HE'S JUST BEING A NUISANCE.
I'M ALSO SOMEONE WHO'S LOST HIS WIFE...
SO I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL.
HOW ABOUT WE TALK OVER SOME DRINKS? I KNOW IT'LL CHEER YOU UP.
COME ON, SHE'S NOT WORTH IT ANYWAYS...
HEY, KOHAKU... JUST A QUESTION THOUGH.
...WHAT.
... ALRIGHT.

"mates?! haha, you actually want a human child?"
He's... uh...
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE HUMAN?
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THAT'S RIGHT, WE ARE WIFE AND HUSBAND.
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AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TOGETHER, SO YOU CAN PACK YOUR THINGS AND GO HOME.

AWKWARD...
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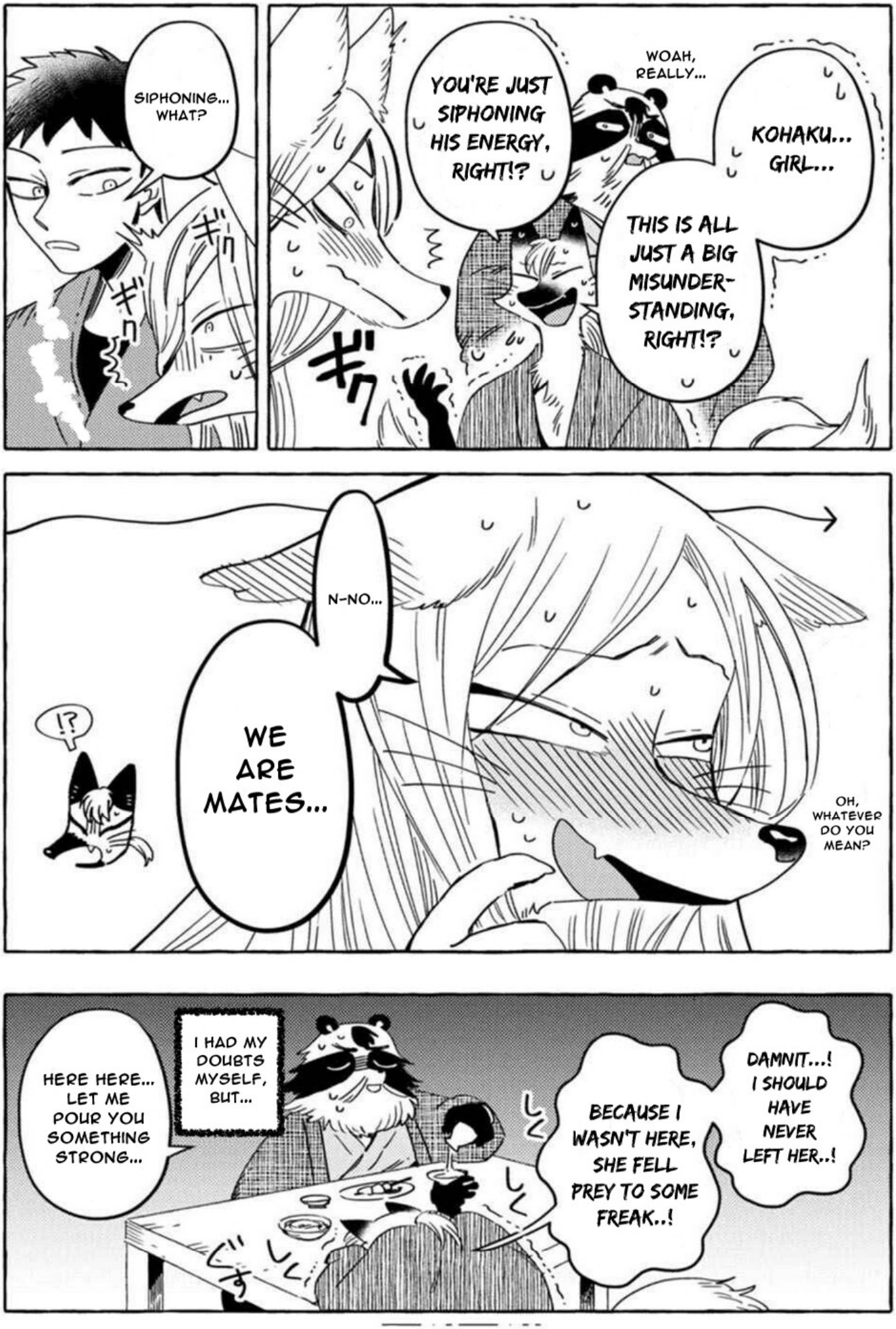
KHAHAHAHA! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
YOU KNOW HER TRUE FORM IS A FOX, RIGHT?
LOOK! SHE'S NOT EVEN DISGUISED RIGHT NOW!
A HUMAN...? AND A FOX?
...HUH?
WHAT THE FUCK?
YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY HER MATE, RIGHT??
BY "MATE" HE MEANS...
Y-YES, THE TYPE THAT HAVE CHILDREN TOGETHER...
YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE STAYING AT HER HOME, RIGHT?
THEN... YEAH.

I GUESS WE ARE.
WHA-
THAT'S FUCKED UP!!
SHE'S HALF ANIMAL, YOU FREAK!!
YOU'RE ABOUT THE LAST PERSON TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT.

WELL, SHE'S CLEARLY DIFFERENT FROM THE AVERAGE FOX...
IN THAT MIXED FORM, SHE KEEPS THE GLAMOURS OF A WOMAN. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT BAD AT ALL...
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I FEARED ...!
SHUT UP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR RATIONING!


SIPHONING... WHAT?
YOU'RE JUST SIPHONING HIS ENERGY, RIGHT!?
WOAH, REALLY...
KOHAKU... GIRL...
THIS IS ALL JUST A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING, RIGHT!?
N-NO...
WE ARE MATES...
!?
OH, WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?
HERE HERE... LET ME POUR YOU SOMETHING STRONG...
I HAD MY DOUBTS MYSELF, BUT...
BECAUSE I WASN'T HERE, SHE FELL PREY TO SOME FREAK..!
DAMNIT...! I SHOULD HAVE NEVER LEFT HER..!

【 THE WARDING MASK 】

WHEN DID YOU GET A MASK LIKE THAT?

REMEMBER WHEN I WASN'T AROUND? I BOUGHT IT FROM A SHOP. APPARENTLY IT'S PRETTY RARE.

【 THE MYSTICAL FOX'S TAIL 】

HEY... YOU ONLY HAVE ONE TAIL?

I HAVE TWO ACTUALLY, YOU CAN SEE IT WHEN I TURN INTO MY BEAST FORM.

CAN I SEE THEM?

WHAT? WHY?

I KIND OF WANT TO FLUFF THEM.

【MATES】

DID YOU KNOW THAT TRADITIONALLY, OFFSPRING BETWEEN SPIRITS TEND TO BE STRONGER THAN THEIR PARENTS?

REALLY NOW~

SO BEING STUCK WITH A HUMAN IS POINTLESS...
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?

【ROKUSUTE'S DATING HISTORY】

ALL THE WOMEN YOU'VE BEEN WITH BEFORE WERE HAGS, RIGHT?

OLDER LADIES TEND TO BE NICER TO ME.

WELL, THAT EXPLAINS WHY THAT FOX LIKES YOU SO MUCH.

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

CHAPTER 12 : FEELINGS OF SHAME
FREAKS!
BUNCH OF FREAKS!
I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE OUTSIDE..!
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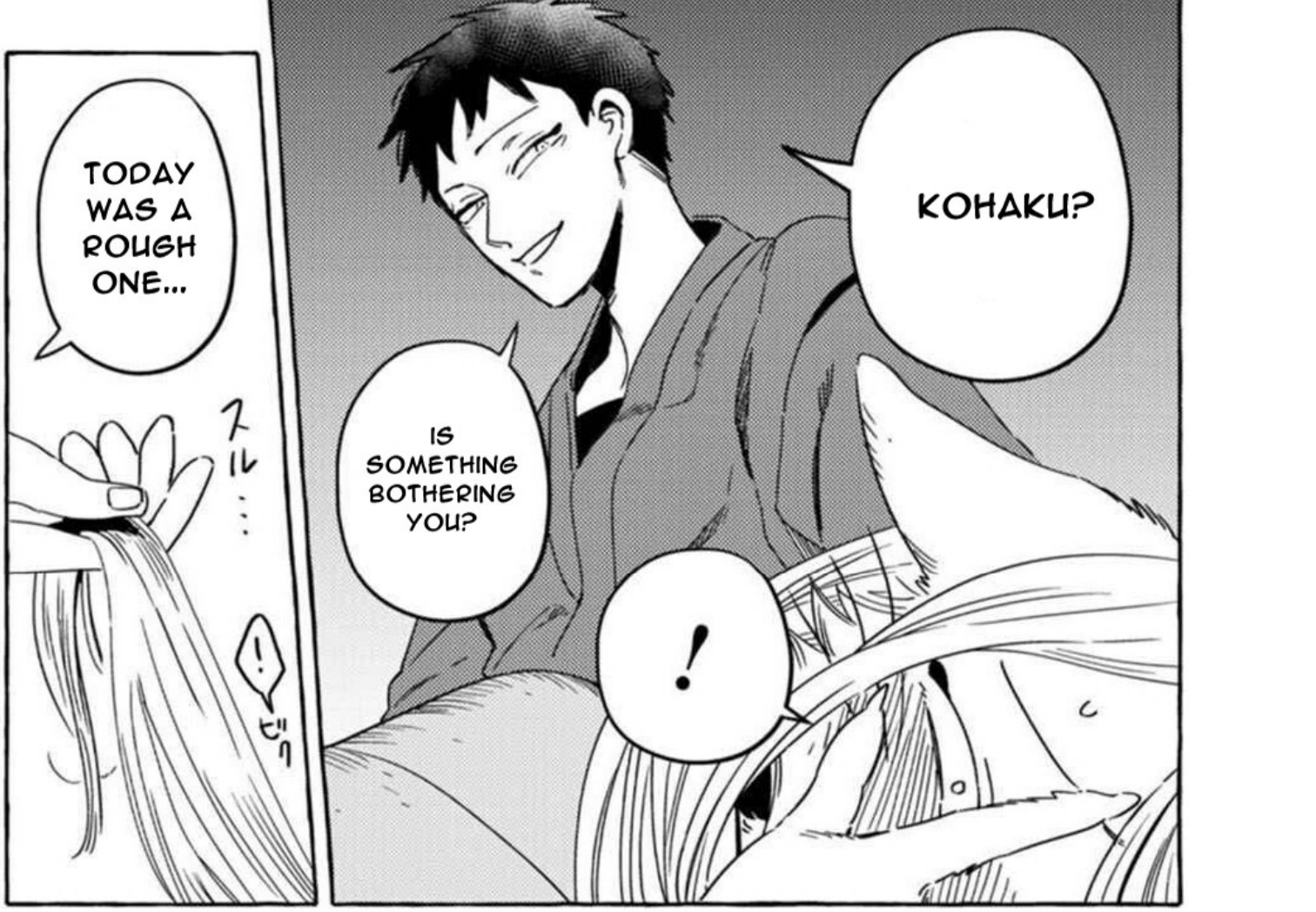
TODAY WAS A ROUGH ONE...
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KOHAKU?
IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
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I GOT WORRIED...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BE STOLEN AWAY FROM ME...
HE'S SNIFFING MY SCENT? BUT HE'S A HUMAN! IS HE AN ACTUAL FREAK!?
*HUMANS ALSO LIKE TO SNIFF SOMETIMES.

WHENEVER SOME OTHER MAN APPEARED ...
I WOULD ALWAYS NEED TO LEAVE.
BUT KOHAKU DIDN'T BUDGE OUR "RELATION-SHIP".
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THIS SETTLES IT.
SHE WON'T THROW ME AWAY.

ALTHOUGH ALL I WANT IS MY ALIBI BACK...
I DON'T ACTUALLY INTEND TO LIVE HERE...
BUT...
W-WAIT, ROKUSUTE!
EH?
I'M SLEEPING IN THE LIVING ROOM!

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...
BUT... WHAT?
OH WELL.
GUESS I'LL SLEEP ALONE TODAY.
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WAIT, IS SHE MAD...
... AT ME?
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YAWN... HOW LONG DID I SLEEP FOR?
...
UGH... I USED TOO MUCH OF MY POWER WITH THAT FIRE YESTERDAY...
AND I COULDN'T DRAIN ANY ENERGY BACK...
I'M SO HUUNGRYYY...

WELL...
HE'S STILL GOT TO EAT, SO...
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BUT IT FEELS SO AWKWARD RIGHT NOW...
OH?
ROKUSUTE...
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...GOOD MORNING, SWEETHEART.

YOU WOKE UP LATE TODAY.
YES, SORRY ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I KNOW HOW IT IS.
SOME DAYS, EVEN COOKING FEELS LIKE A HASSLE.
N-NO! NOT AT ALL!
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W-WELL!
YOUR COOKING IS GREAT, AFTER ALL!
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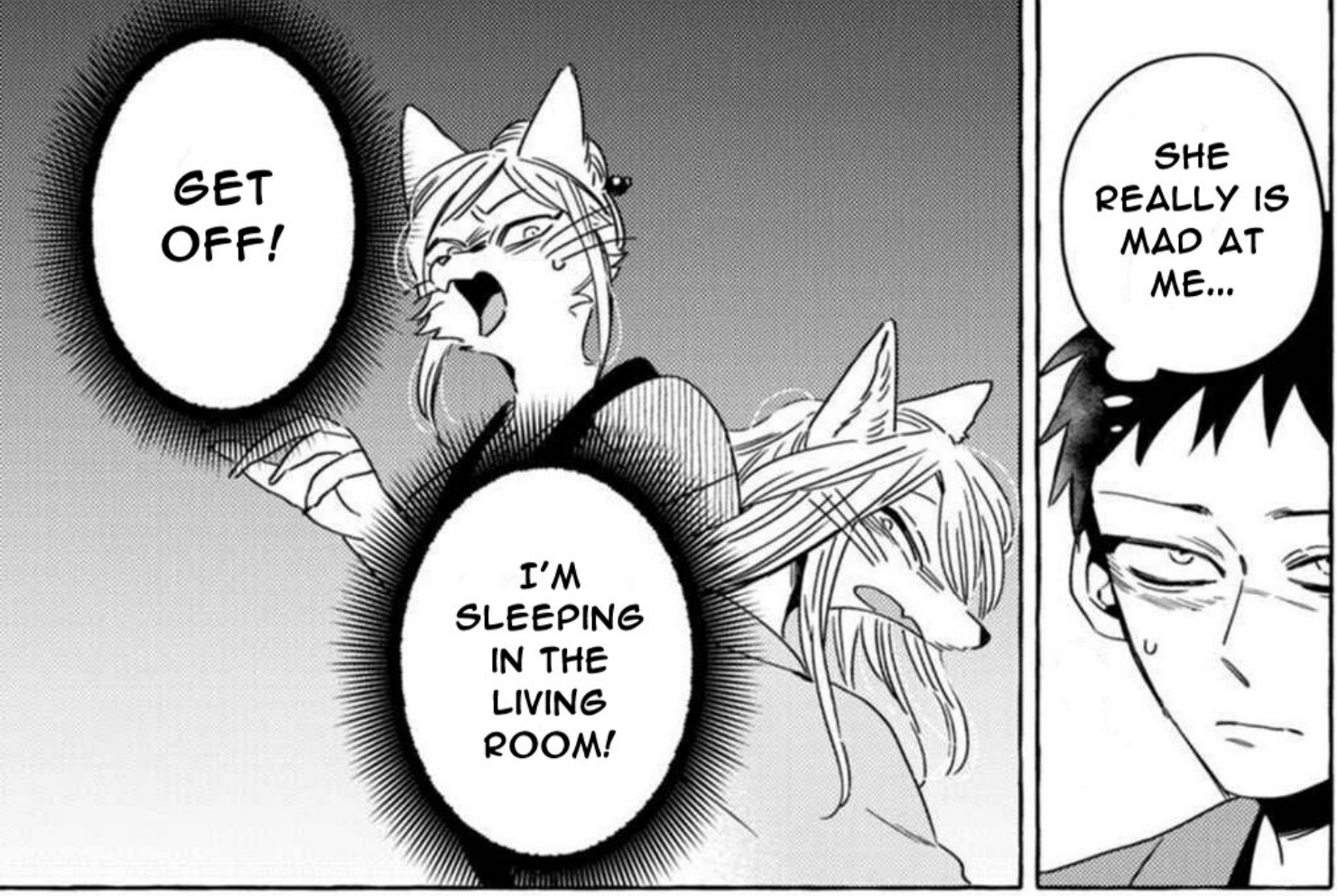
THIS GUY...!
LET... GO!
S-SORRY...

HE'S...


GET OFF!
I'M SLEEPING IN THE LIVING ROOM!
SHE REALLY IS MAD AT ME...

SHE'S...JUST A TEMPORARY SHELTER. I ALWAYS PLANNED TO GET RID OF HER ANYWAYS.
HER BEING MAD AT ME ISN'T A PROBLEM.

ROKUSUTE...
BUT THEN...WHY DO I FEEL SO BAD...?

YOU HADN'T WOKEN UP UNTIL NOW...
SO I GOT WORRIED ....
OF COURSE THAT RETARD HAD TO OPEN HIS MOUTH...
YOU'RE JUST SIPHONING HIS ENERGY, RIGHT!?
UH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE KITCHEN?
HE'S PROBABLY SCARED OF ME...
I GUESSED YOU WEREN'T FEELING TOO WELL BECAUSE OF YESTERDAY.
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THE FOOD I MADE YESTERDAY ...
WAS LEFT UNEATEN TOO, SO...
OH, HE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME...
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...
OH REALLY? THANKS!
I'M STARVING!

AH.
IS THE FOOD IN THAT POT?

WHAT A PECULIAR SMELL...
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THIS IS SOME... VERY THICK FOOD.
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SCUM HOTPOT (REHEATED)
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RIGHT?
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HH...!

MAN, WHY DO I FEEL SO ASHAMED ...
AND ME OF ALL PEOPLE, WILLINGLY COOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE...
HEH, SORRY ABOUT THAT...
GUESS IT SPOILED OVERNIGHT ...
I'LL JUST MAKE ANOTHER ONE RIGHT NOW!
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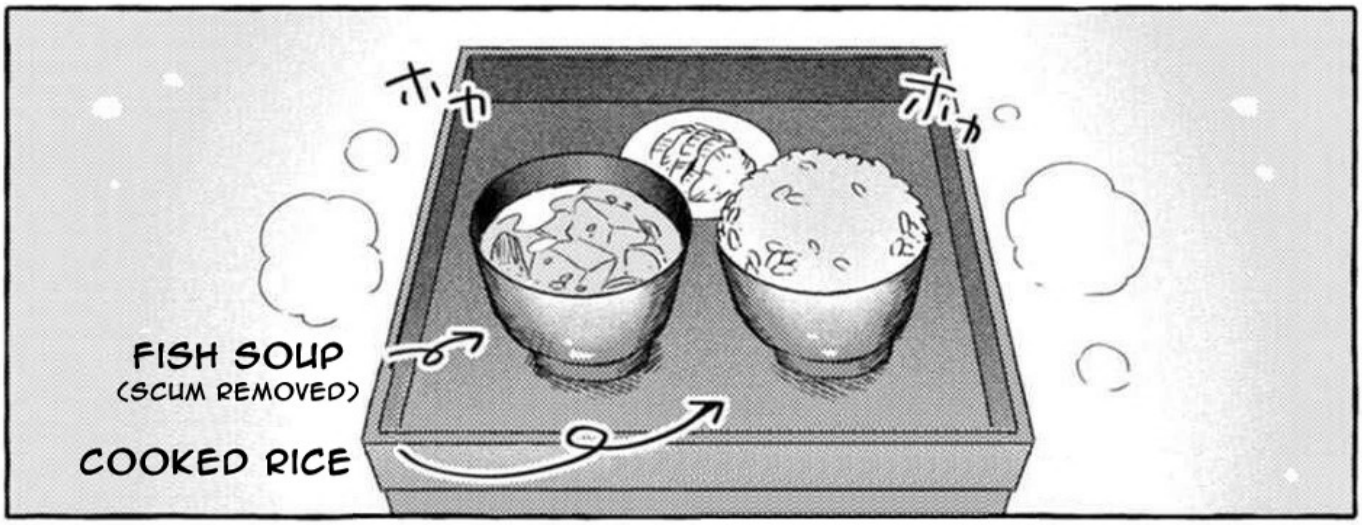
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I FEEL LIKE THIS...
GRASP
IT IS WHAT IT IS, I'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS TIME~

WHY NOT JUST DO IT TOGETHER?
ALRIGHT...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FISH SOUP
(SCUM REMOVED)
COOKED RICE

YOU'RE SCARING ME...
... IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
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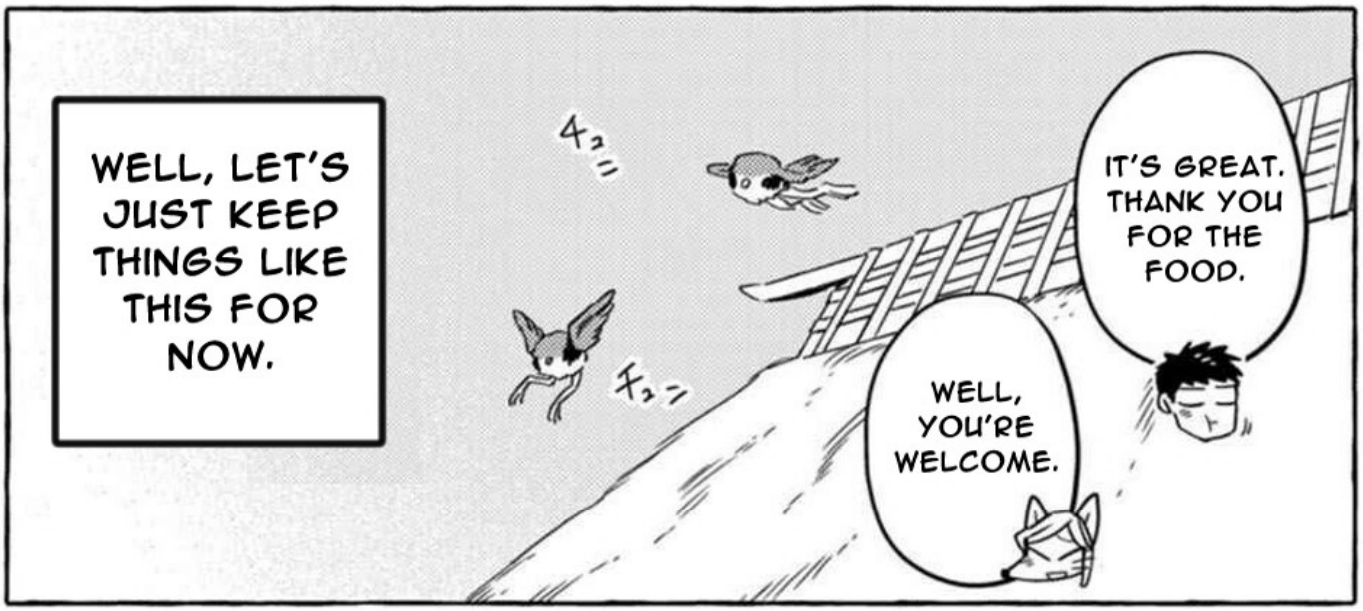
WELL, LET'S JUST KEEP THINGS LIKE THIS FOR NOW.
IT'S GREAT. THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD.
WELL, YOU'RE WELCOME.
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【 THE SCUM POT 】

HERE ROKUSUTE, LOOK. YOU HAVE TO PEEL OFF THE SKIN ON THE BAMBOO SHOOTS, AND ALL OF THESE INGREDIENTS PRODUCE A LOT OF SCUM.

UHH... WHAT IS "SCUM"?

【 RICH PEOPLE FOOD OF THE MEIJI ERA 】

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S CALLED ANPAN, APPARENTLY RICH PEOPLE USED TO EAT IT A LOT.

WOAH! THIS IS GREAT, A FOOD THAT TASTES GOOD AND MAKES YOU RICH!

UH...YEAH! IT'S PRETTY... AMAZING...

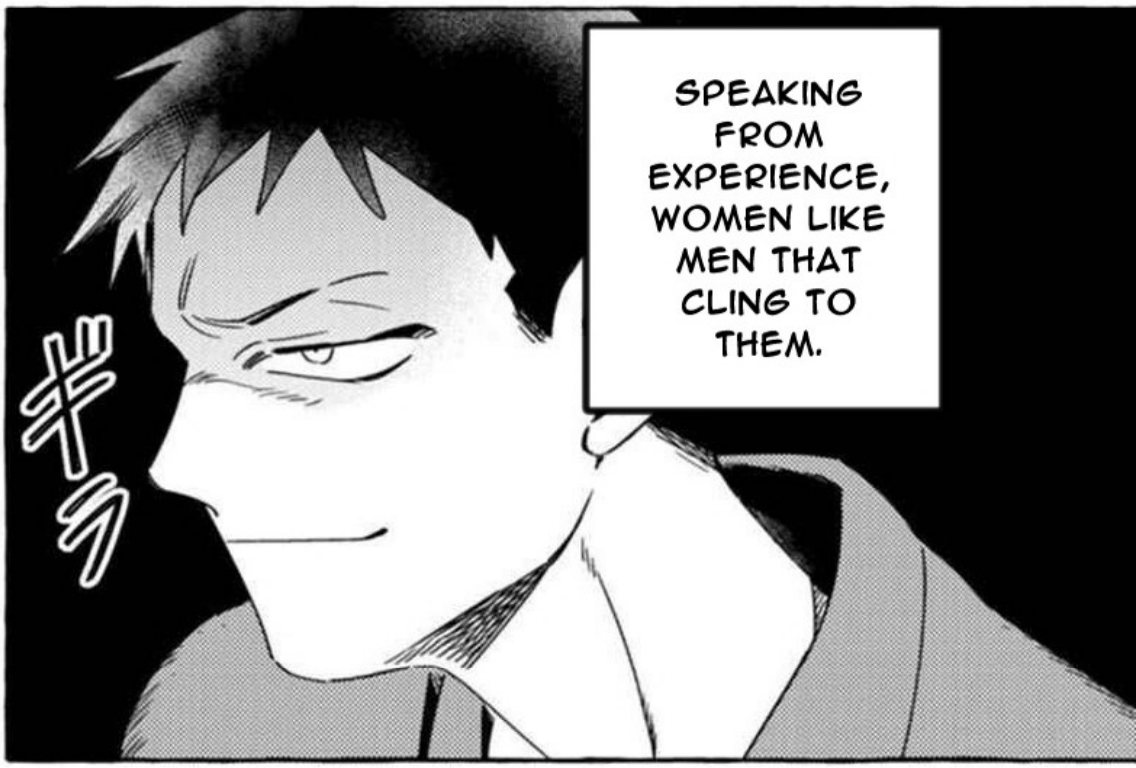
CHAPTER 13 : PARENT AND CHILD

SLEEPING ALONE LIKE THAT FELT WRONG...
THIS IS SO UNLIKE ME...

SO...
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU SEEMED SO UPSET LAST NIGHT...

SO...
WELL, IT'S GOOD TO WORRY REGARD-LESS.

IT FELT REALLY LONELY WITHOUT YOU.


SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE, WOMEN LIKE MEN THAT CLING TO THEM.
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IT'S JUST...
YOU SPOIL ME SO MUCH...
IT FEELS TERRIBLE TO BE AWAY FROM YOU.

ROKUSUTE SCHOOL DARK ARTS:
PUPPY EYES
AND NOW, WITH THESE PUPPY EYES...!

THAT'S... ALSO THE CASE FOR ME...
IT... IS?
ROKUSUTE...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ABANDON ME!!

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WOAH..!
COME HERE!
(LET ME SUCK YOUR ENERGY!)
DARLING..!
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I... SEE?
BECAUSE! BECAUSE UH... BECAUSE THAT GUY COMPLETELY RUINED THE MOOD!
THAT WAS IT!
THEN WHY DID YOU GO AWAY?
OOHH..! THAT NIGHT WAS TERRIBLE FOR ME TOO!

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FUFU... THANKS FOR THE BOOST. I'LL GO SHOPPING FOR A WHILE.

WHAH!
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KOHAKU?
HONEY?

AND SO, YOU DECIDE TO COME TO MY HOME?!

WELL.. WHERE ELSE? YOU KNOW?
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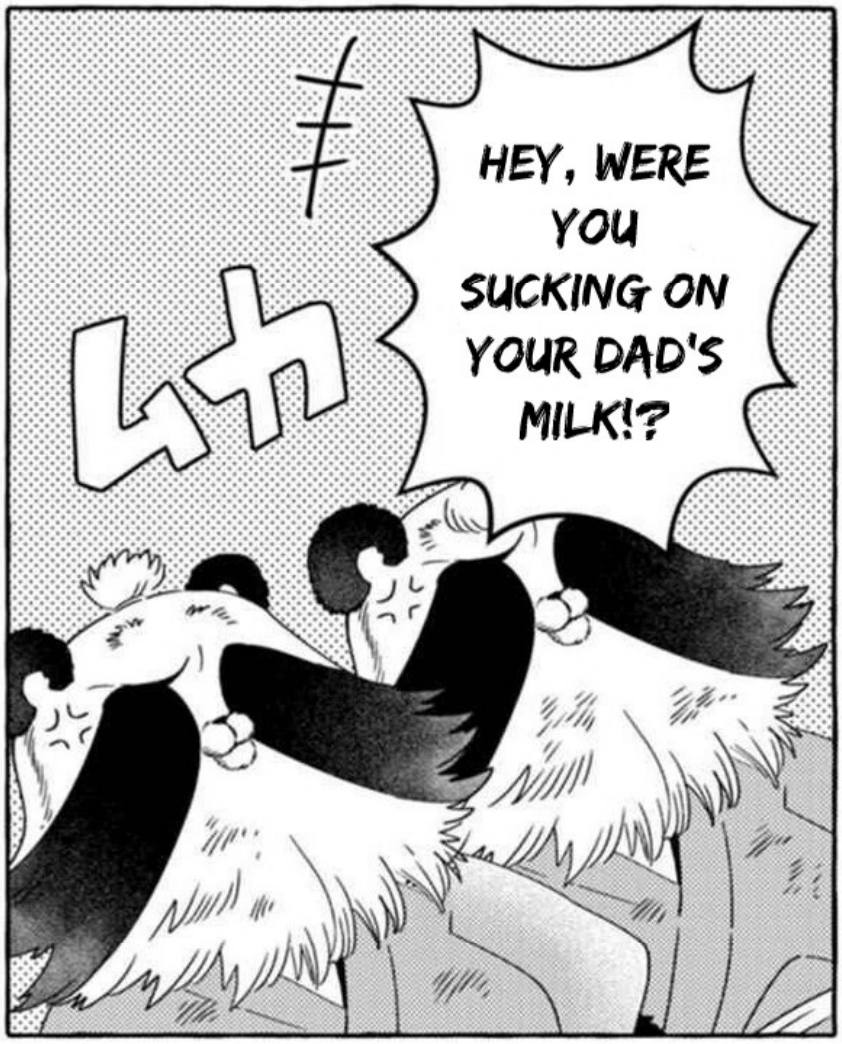
JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION: I'M A MAN EATER.

YOU ARE FOOD TO ME!
...BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.
BECAUSE OF THAT STUPID MASK OF YOURS!
DO YOU THINK I WOULD BE KIND TO FOOD!?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE MASK!
AND YET, YOU OFFERED TEA...
COME OOON~ WE'RE NEIGHBORS RIGHT? WE CAN GET ALONG.
YOU GOT ANY SNACKS?
THIS IDIOT IS TAKING MAN-EATING SPIRITS SO LIGHTLY...
JUST WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM !?
EVEN THAT FOX...

I DON'T WANNA LOSE TO THAT BIRD..!
WAAAH!
PA!!
PAPA!!
...THINKS YOU AS-
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY SUCKING ON YOUR MOM'S MILK?!
COME OUT AND PLAY!
HURRY UP YOU LITTLE PESTS!

WHY ARE THE BIRDS AFTER YOU?
WE TRIED TO HIT THEM WITH MUDBALLS...
...AND THEY GOT ANGRY.
THEY KEPT BITING US.
YEAH, THAT'S FAIR.

WAIT... ISN'T THIS THE HOUSE WHERE THE MOTHER LEFT?
THAT MEANS THEY ONLY HAVE THE FATHER HERE, RIGHT?
WHICH MEANS...


HEY, WERE YOU SUCKING ON YOUR DAD'S MILK!?

SHUT UP!
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HA! CAN'T HIT US!
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THIS ONE'S ON FIRE!
WAAH!
AIM BEFORE YOU THROW.
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HAHA!
WOAH, YOU'RE THE BEST!
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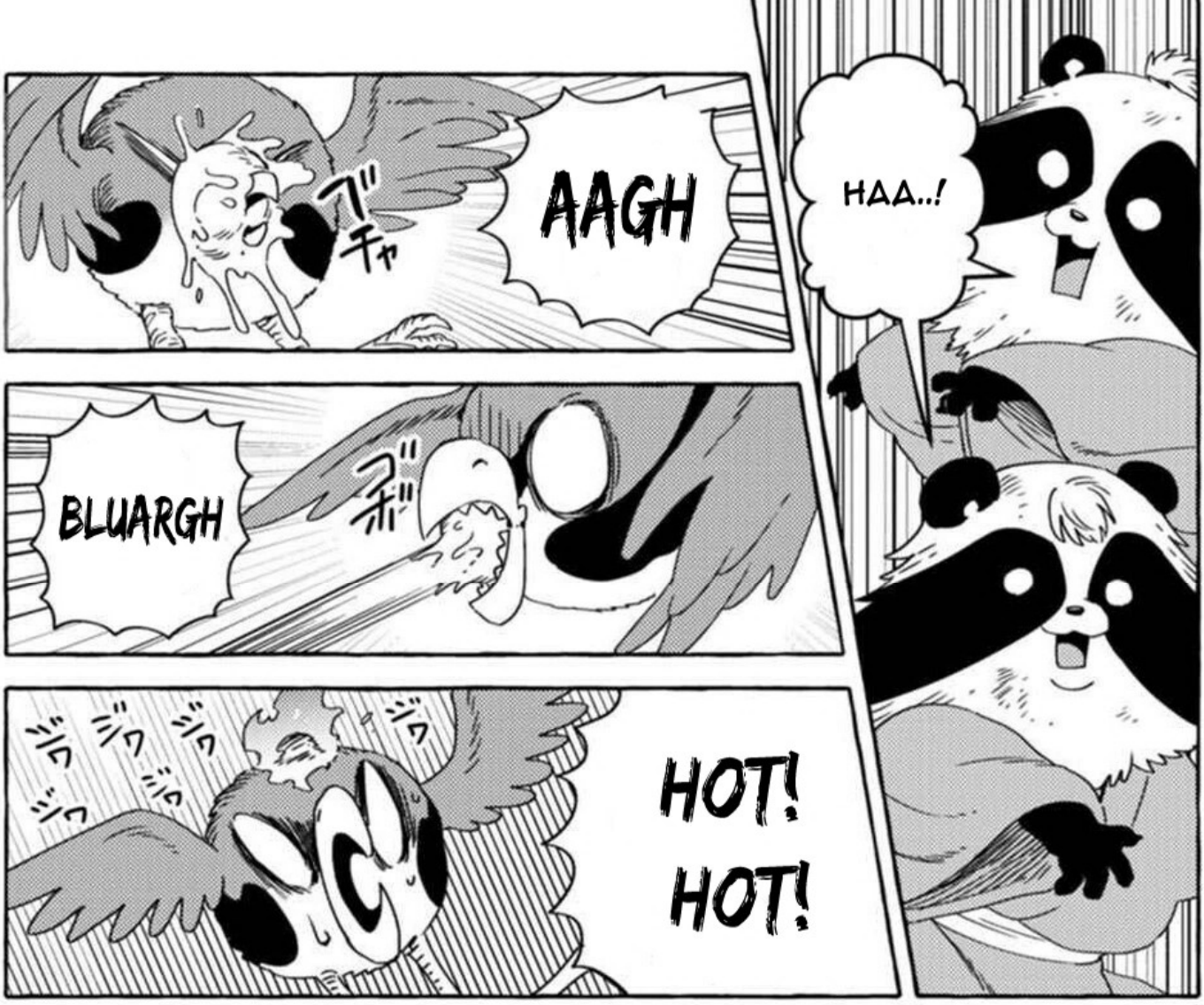
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HOT!
HOT!

HEY, NICE WORK.
WE'LL REMEMBER THIS!
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WE HIT THEM!
WE GOT THEM!
THIS FEELS FAMILIAR.

TRAINING?
I TOLD THEM TO.
IT'S THEIR TRAINING.
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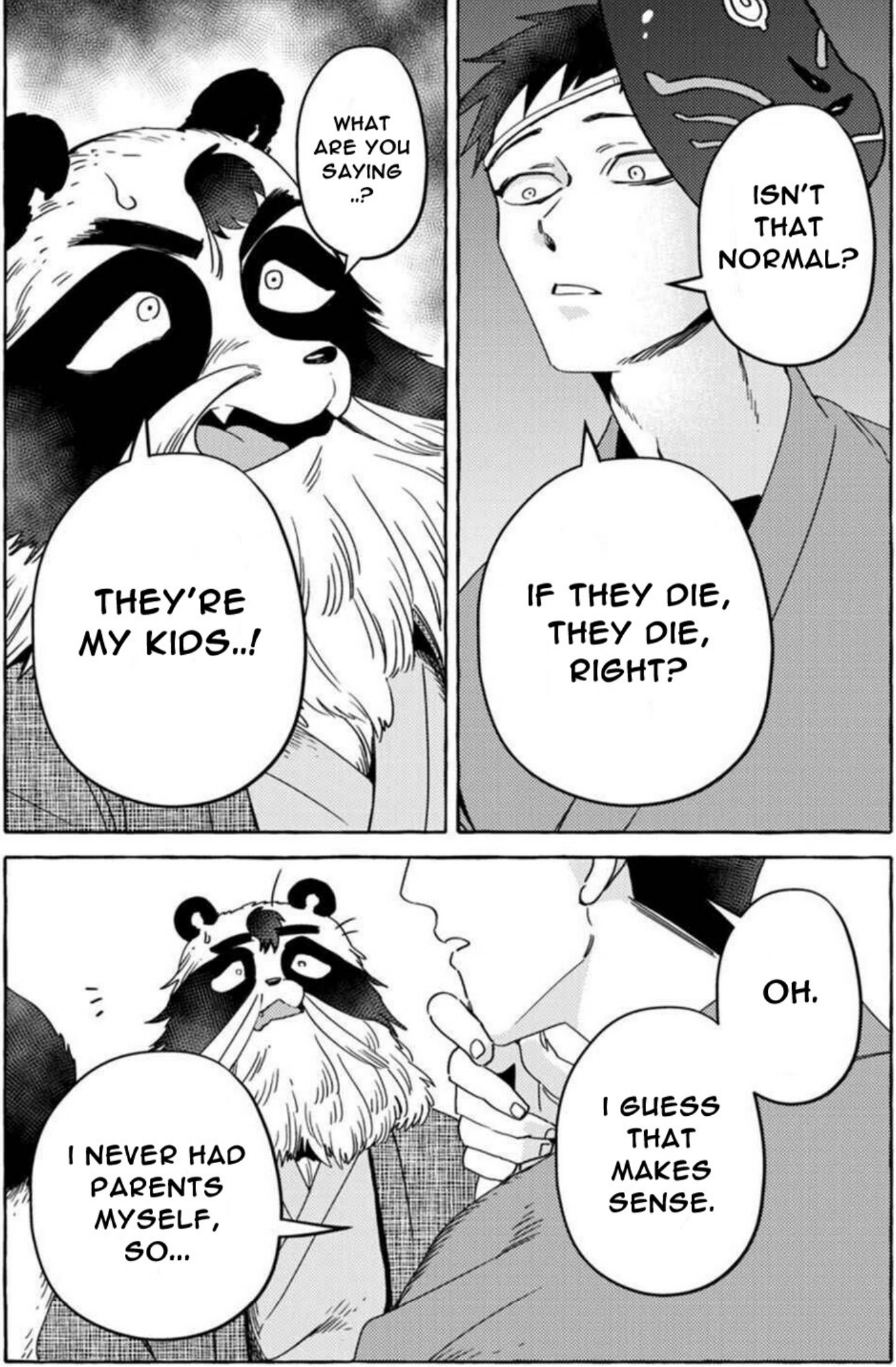
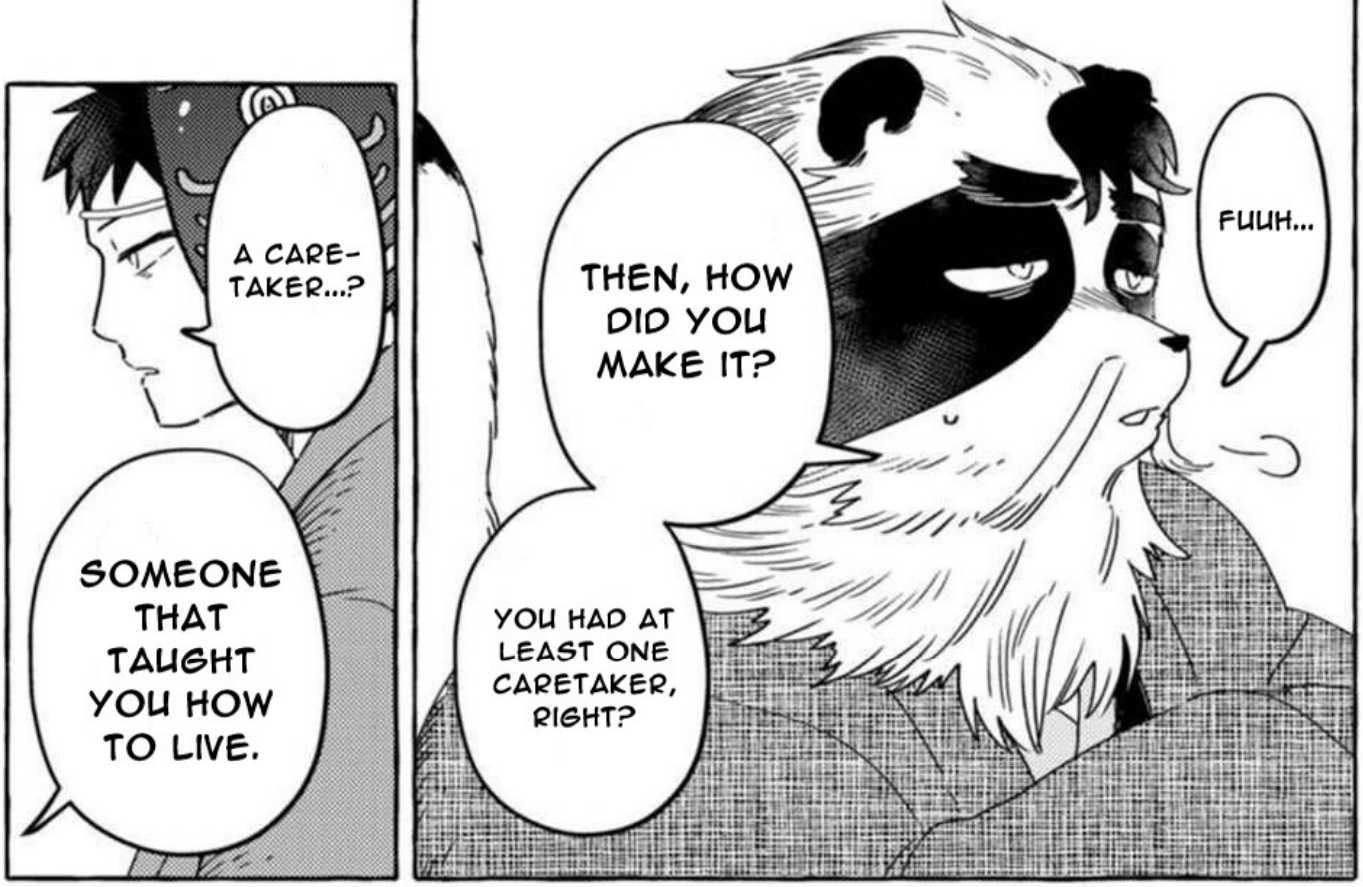
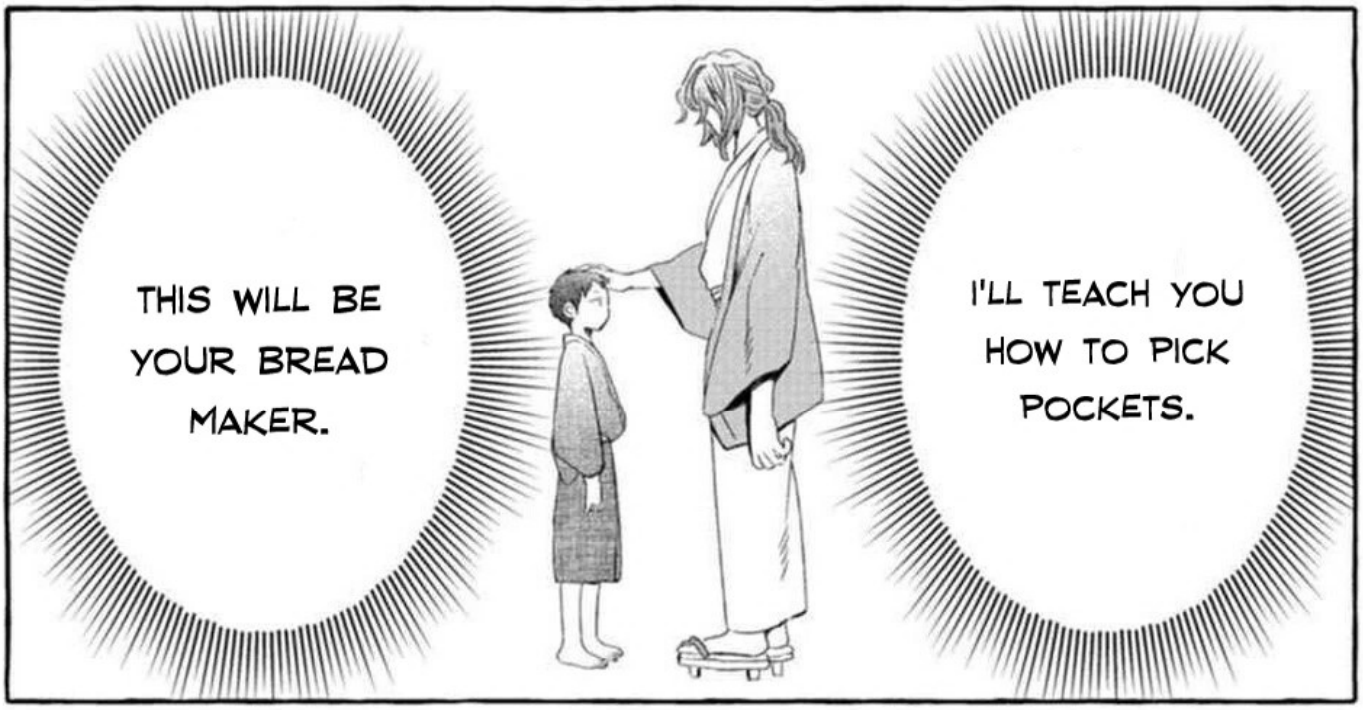
IF THEY'RE SO WEAK, WHY BOTHER?
...IN TRAINING THEM?
WHAT'S THE POINT...
OF COURSE, A HUMAN...
FOR WHEN THEY GROW UP, OF COURSE.
AN UNPREPARED BEAST IN THE WILD IS AS GOOD AS DEAD.


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ..?
THEY'RE MY KIDS..!
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
IF THEY DIE, THEY DIE, RIGHT?
I NEVER HAD PARENTS MYSELF, SO...
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
OH.


A CARE-TAKER...?
SOMEONE THAT TAUGHT YOU HOW TO LIVE.
FUUH...
THEN, HOW DID YOU MAKE IT?
YOU HAD AT LEAST ONE CARETAKER, RIGHT?


THIS WILL BE YOUR BREAD MAKER.
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO PICK POCKETS.

LIKE HE EVER CARED.
NO, CAN'T THINK OF ANYBODY.
FOUND YOU!!
...MAYBE I SHOULD GO HUNT A HUMAN IN THE LIVING WORLD.
FINALLY...
HE DIDN'T BITE YOU ANYWHERE, RIGHT? WE'RE GOING HOME!
ARGH! YOU WENT TO MATATSUGU'S HOUSE AGAIN!

CHAPTER 14
LIVING WORLD
KATAE!
KATAE!
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GO?!
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME, KATAE!

WHA..!
A BEAR?!
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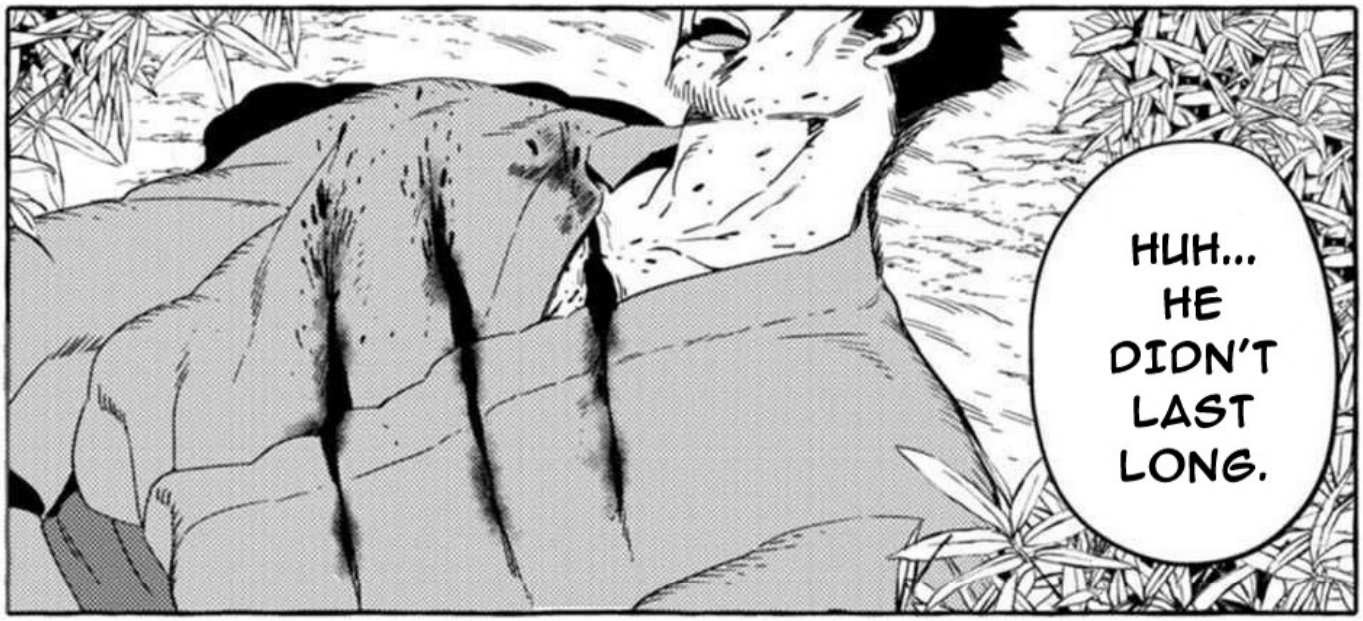
THAT BITCH...
I SWEAR I'LL CUT HER LEGS OFF...
WELL, AREN'T YOU NOISY...
HEY, DON'T CALL ME THAT.

CHAPTER 14 : PARENT TANUKI


HUH... HE DIDN'T LAST LONG.

THE KIDS ARE IN THEIR GROWING SPURT...
HMM...
MAYBE I SHOULD HUNT ONE MORE HUMAN...
OOH...
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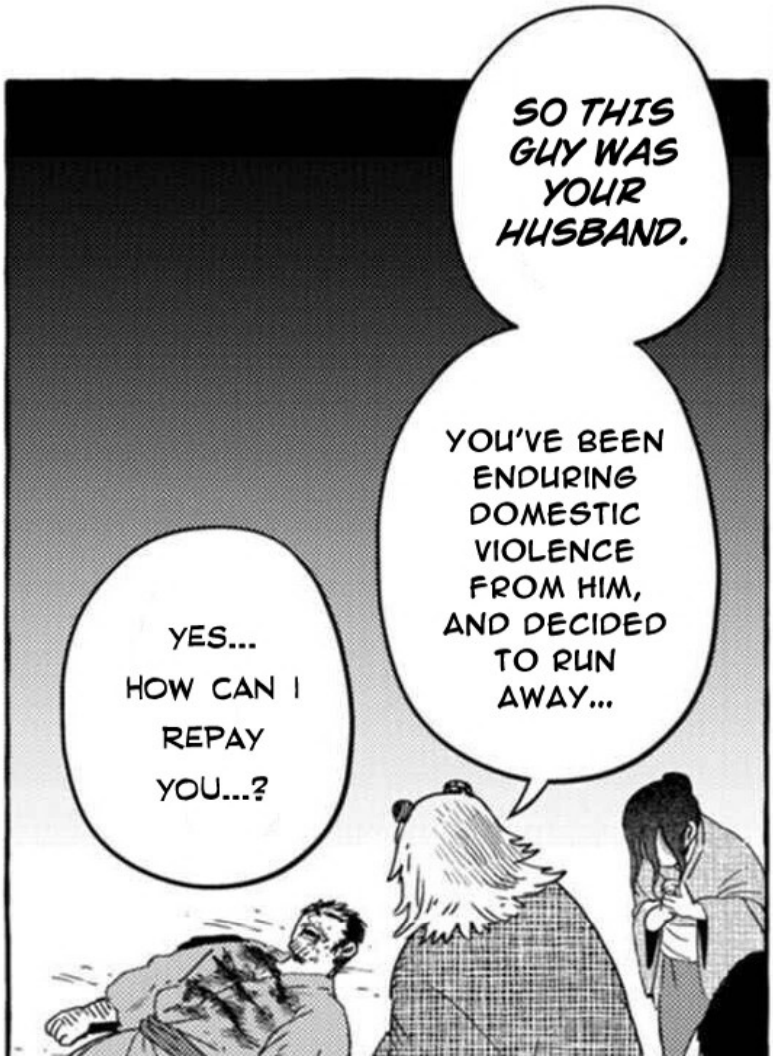
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE RIGHT HERE...!
HOW CONVE-NIENT...

YOU'RE A TANUKI, RIGHT...?

HUH? SAVED?


SO THIS GUY WAS YOUR HUSBAND.
YOU'VE BEEN ENDURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM HIM, AND DECIDED TO RUN AWAY...
YES... HOW CAN I REPAY YOU...?

YOU SAVED ME...

WELL.
YOU'RE ONLY GOOD FOR ONE THING.
YOUR BODY.
AH...
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES, LET ME LOOK AT YOU.
I... SEE...
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OH, YOU'RE...!

ALL SKIN AND BONES.
?
WHAT AN AWFUL CATCH...
BUT, SINCE SHE HAD A HUSBAND, MAYBE SHE HAS CHILDREN TOO..?
CHILDREN ARE PRETTY SAVORY...
DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY CHILDREN?
THEY... DIED LAST MONTH...
MY... HUSBAND... GOT ANNOYED BY THEIR WAILING...
I SEE...
WHAT A TERRIBLE FATHER.

ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
AH..?
YOU MAY LEAVE.
I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.
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PLEASE...
CAN I COME WITH YOU...?
PAPA! YOU'RE HOME!...
...HUH?

WHO'S THAT HUMAN...?
THEY'RE ADORABLE..!
TANUKI CHILDREN..!
WELL, UUH...
SHE REALLY FOLLOWED ME...

BUT THERE'S A DIFFE-RENCE...
SHE'S JUST TOO FRAIL. IF I SYPHON HER LIKE THAT FOX DOES, SHE'LL JUST DIE...

WHY DID I BRING HER ALONG...?
I'LL JUST GO BUTCHER THIS GUY.

JUST LIKE THESE TWO.
IT'S JUST LIKE AUNT KOHAKU AND UNCLE ROKU!
LADY KATAE WILL BE STAYING WITH US..!
OUR OWN PET HUMAN!
WOAH!

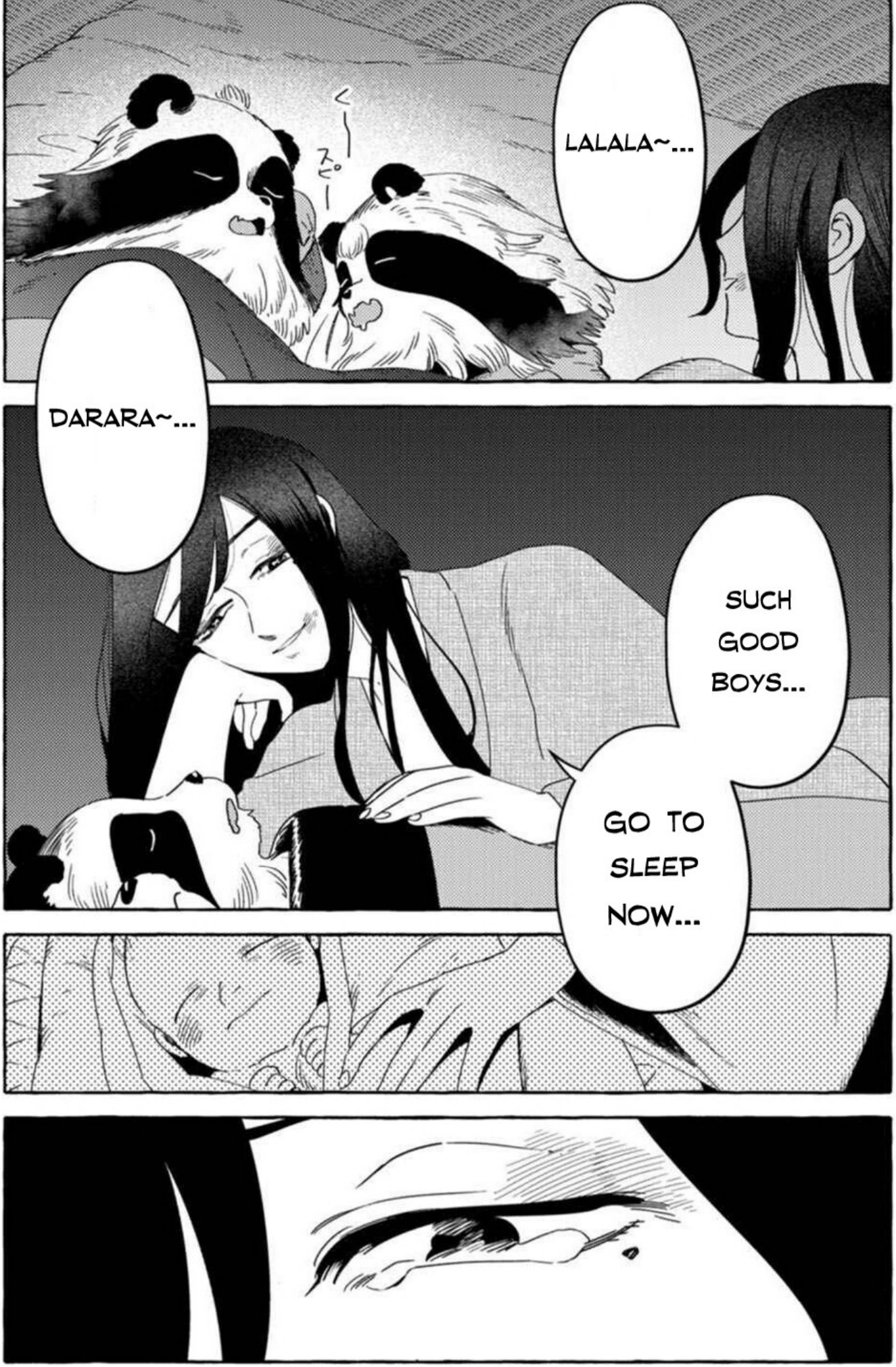
YOUR FATHER SAVED MY LIFE, THANKFULLY...
WOAH!

HELLO..!
MY NAME IS KATAE..!

RIGHT?
PAPA IS SO COOL!

YES...
HE REALLY IS.
KATAE'S ALSO COOL!
LET'S GO PLAY!

WHOEVER MAKES THE BIGGEST BALL WINS!
HUH, THEY'RE ALREADY WARMING UP TO HER.
...I GUESS THEY MISS THEIR MOTHER...


LALALA~...
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DARARA~...
SUCH GOOD BOYS...
GO TO SLEEP NOW...

IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY EAT ME.
MISTER MATATSUGU ...
THAT MEAT YOU ATE... IT WAS MY HUSBAND...
WASN'T IT?
HUH? JUST LIKE THAT?
THAT DINNER...
OH, UH... WE DIDN'T FEED YOU ANY, SO DON'T WORRY.
WE ONLY GAVE YOU A BIT OF RICE.
...ALRIGHT. THANK YOU.
FUFU..
WON'T BOTHER ME ANYMORE..?
THAT MEANS THAT... THAT MAN...

I COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT MY CHILDREN...
FUFUFUFU..! ISN'T IT DERANGED..?
I HAVE NOWHERE TO RETURN TO...
NO REASON TO LIVE ANYMORE ...
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MY HUSBAND WAS MURDERED, BUTCHERED AND EATEN... AND I'M HAPPY...
WELL...
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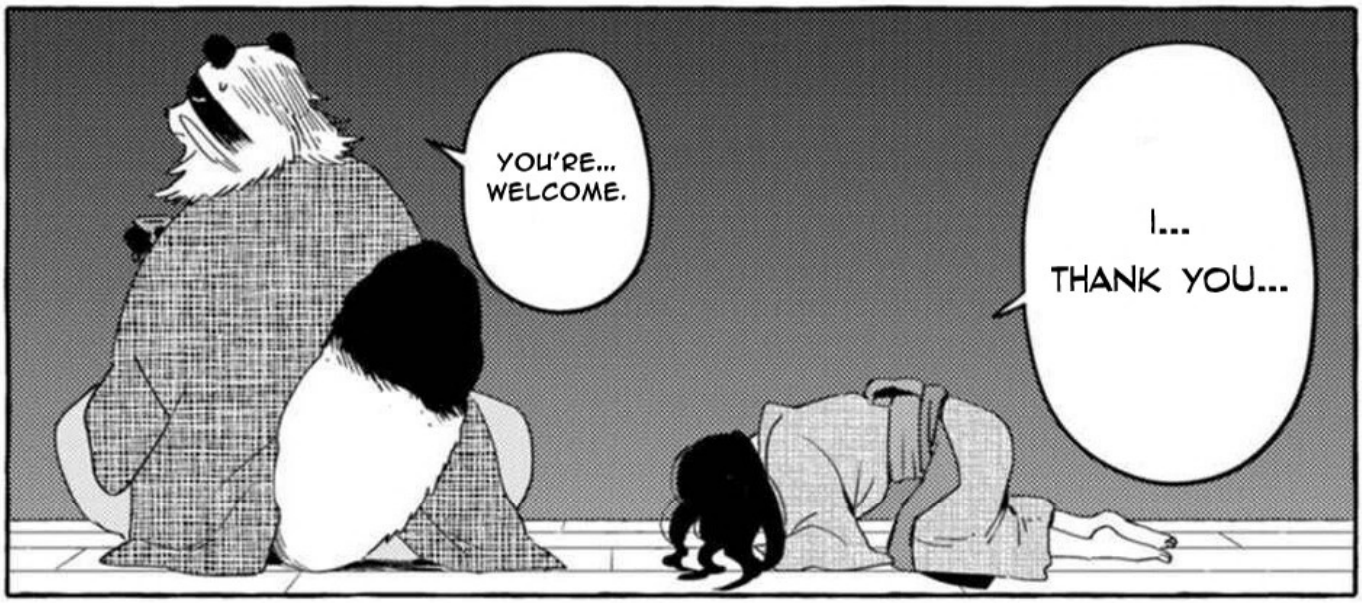
I CERTAINLY DON'T MIND THE OFFER...

THEY PROBABLY MISS THEIR MOTHER.
BUT THE KIDS SEEM TO LIKE YOU.

I GUESS, AT LEAST UNTIL THE KIDS GROW UP...
I REFUSE YOUR OFFER.


YOU'RE... WELCOME.
I... THANK YOU...

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【 FOX AND RACCOON FIRE 】

SO YOU CAN BOTH DO FIRE TRICKS?

HEY, MY FIRE ISN'T THE AVERAGE MUNDANE FIRE!
IT'S HELLFIRE THAT BURNS YOU TO ASHES!

MY FIRE ISN'T SO CRUDE! IT CLINGS TO YOUR
BODY, AND CHARS YOU TO YOUR BONES!

THAT SURE HIT A SORE SPOT.

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【 DEN DEN DAIKO LULLABY 】

A DEN DEN DAIKO...
HOW NOSTALGIC...

YOUR LULLABY WAS ALSO NOSTALGIC...
MY PREVIOUS WIFE USED TO SING THEM...

HAAH...
HAAH...

UUUUGH... JUST WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THE LIVING WORLD?
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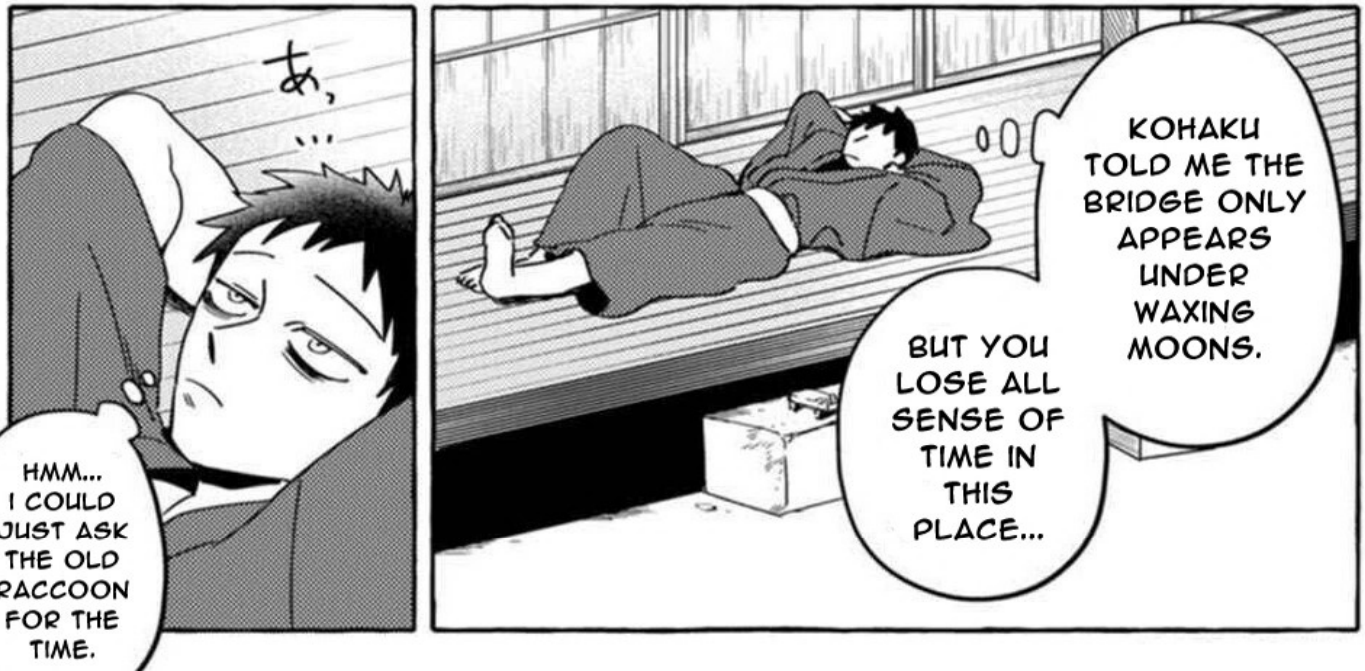
CHAPTER 15 : BRIDGE UNDER THE MOON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HMM... I COULD JUST ASK THE OLD RACCOON FOR THE TIME.
KOHAKU TOLD ME THE BRIDGE ONLY APPEARS UNDER WAXING MOONS.
BUT YOU LOSE ALL SENSE OF TIME IN THIS PLACE...

YOU WENT HUMAN HUNTING? DID YOU CATCH ANY?
NAW, THEY GOT AWAY.
HEHE..! I MANAGED TO SNAG SOME DANGOS! ROKUSUTE AND I WILL HAVE SOME TEA TOGETHER TONIGHT.
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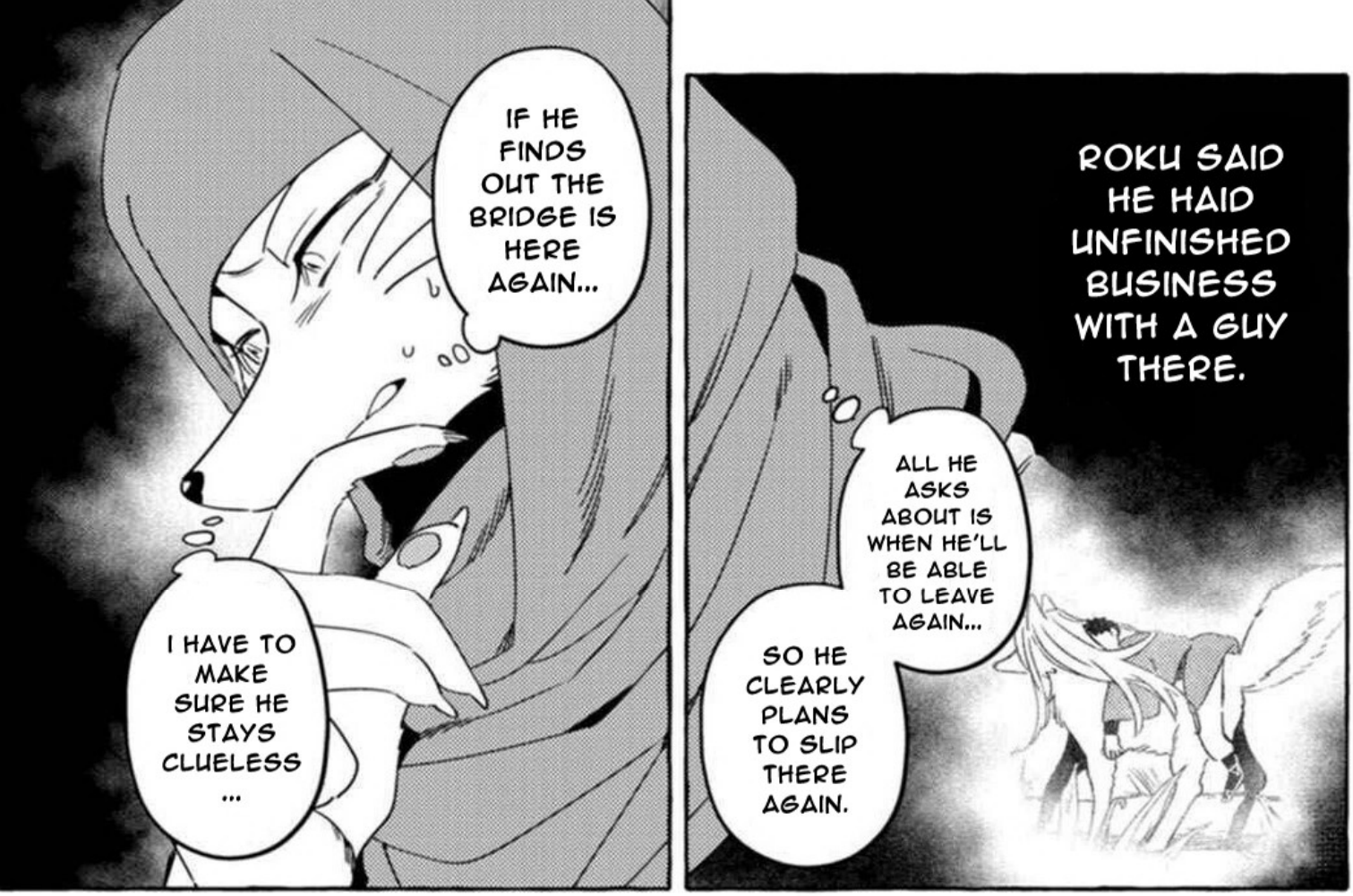
...THE BRIDGE IS HERE...


ROKU SAID HE HAID UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH A GUY THERE.
ALL HE ASKS ABOUT IS WHEN HE'LL BE able TO LEAVE AGAIN...
SO HE CLEARLY PLANS TO SLIP THERE AGAIN.
IF HE FINDS OUT THE BRIDGE IS HERE AGAIN...
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE STAYS CLUELESS ...

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AH.

EH...

YOU'RE... HUMAN?

IS SHE TSUGU'S FOOD?
HE DID MENTION HE EATS HUMANS.
...BUT SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR...

HEY...
WAIT!

WHY ARE YOU IN TSUGU'S HOUSE?
!

HAH...!

MATATSUGU!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RACKET..?
HEY HEY...
WHAT?!
THERE'S A MAN...!

THE HANDSOME DEVIL GOT HIMSELF A HUMAN TOO?
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SO YOU'RE REMARR-YING?
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REMARR-YING? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'M NOT SOME FREAK PERVERT LIKE YOU TWO!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
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SEE?
SHE GOT MAD AND LEFT.
I DON'T THINK SO.
SO.
SHE'S FOOD THEN?
WELL, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT...
BUT...

OH THAT'S NO PROBLEM! WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD BACK AT HOME!
I WANT TO FATTEN HER UP A BIT MORE FOR THAT.
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO FEED HER...

SO... HE LIKES WOMEN ON THE HEAVIER SIDE..?

I FEEL... IN DEBT FOR HIM.
I WANT TO PLEASE HIM... I WANT TO BECOME HIS MODEL...
IF EVEN JUST A LITTLE...

WOAH, CALM DOWN...
ARE YOU AFRAID OF HUMAN MEN?
WAH..!
HEY, BY THE WAY...
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WE'VE MET BEFORE, NO?
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THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU...
WANT SOMETHING FROM ME...?
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN WOMEN WHO BENEFIT ME.

...WHEN KOKU NEEDED A CLIENT.
?
IT WAS...
YES...
ONLY ONCE, THOUGH.
THAT MONEY LOANER..?
KOKU..?
MY... PAST HUSBAND BORROWED MONEY FROM HIM...
YES...
LOANER?
LOANER ...

HA HA HA HA HA!
HAAH... SO THAT'S WHAT HE DID.
IT'S SO WEIRD ...
I'VE BEEN WITH HIM FOR SO LONG...
BUT I JUST REALIZED I KNOW ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT THAT MAN.
BOY, AM I DUMB.

AT FIRST, WHEN I WAS SMALL, ALL I DID WAS PICKPOCKET FOR HIM.
AS I GREW, HE GAVE ME OTHER JOBS
SPECIFICALLY ONES THAT INVOLVED SCAMMING, BEATING, OR STEALING.
I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW THE WHAT OR WHY OF THE THINGS I DID.
I DIDN'T REALLY CARE EITHER.
I JUST WANTED TO BE OF USE TO HIM.
I WANTED TO MAKE HIM PROUD.
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DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
WELL ANYWAYS.
THE LENDING SHOP KOKU STAYS AT.
...IT'S...

OH! AND TSUGU, BEFORE I FORGET...
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT BRIDGE THAT LEADS TO THE LIVING WORLD?
OH? THE BRIDGE THAT APPEARS UNDER THE WAXING MOON?

...WHY DO THESE MEMORIES MAKE ME HAPPY?

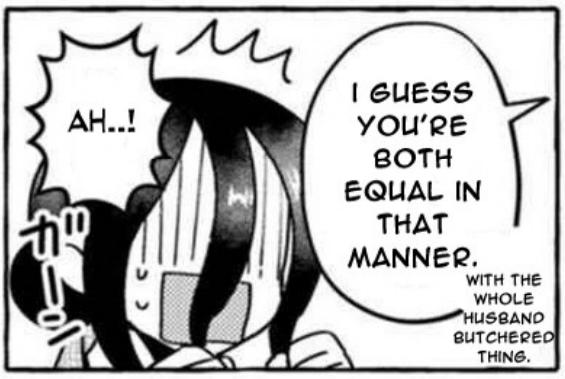
IT ACTUALLY SHOULD BE THERE RIGHT NOW.

PAPA! KATAE IS SAD!

KATAE!
LADY KATAE! WHAT HAPPENED ?!

HUH? WHY? ARE YOU HUNGRY?
AH... NO...

I TOLD HIM I'M A MAN-EATER AND HE BARELY CARED.
HE'S WEIRD ALRIGHT.


AH..!
I GUESS YOU'RE BOTH EQUAL IN THAT MANNER.
WITH THE WHOLE HUSBAND BUTCHERED THING.

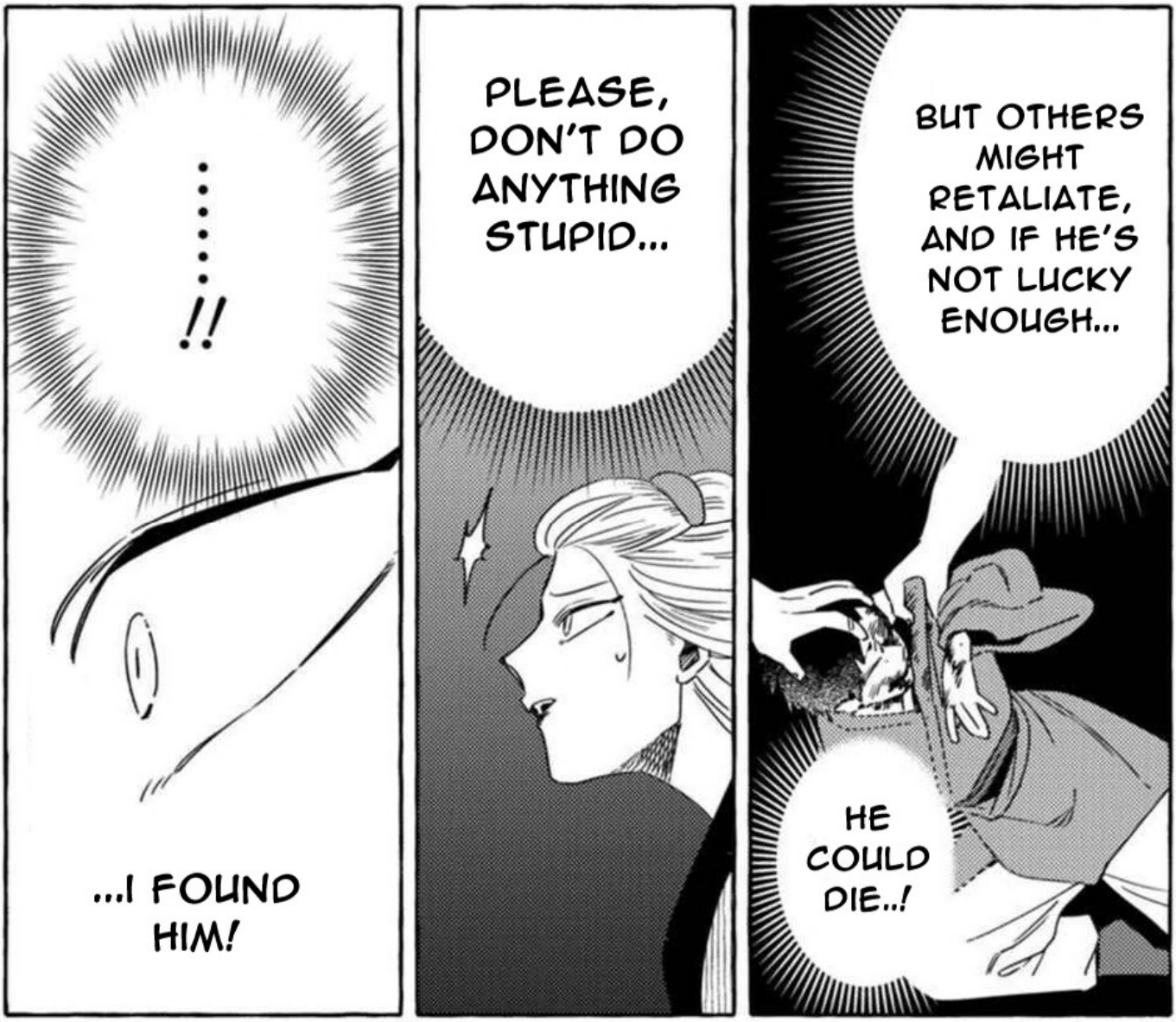
HEY, DON'T TAKE IT TOO FAR.
I'M SORRY... I GUESS I REALLY AM A FREAK...

THAT MAN...
HE COMES IN THIS HOUSE OFTEN..?
HE'S SCARY...

ROKUSUTE IS WITH YOU AGAIN, RIGHT?!
MATATSUGU!

END OF CHAPTER 15

CHAPTER 16
Aw
Aw
FOLLOWING HIS SCENT, I MANAGED TO GET HERE, BUT...
THERE ARE TOO MANY HUMANS TO SINGLE HIM OUT NOW.
HE'S HERE TO TAKE REVENGE...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...I FOUND HIM!
PLEASE, DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID...
BUT OTHERS MIGHT RETALIATE, AND IF HE'S NOT LUCKY ENOUGH...
HE COULD DIE..!

WAIT FOR ME...
I CAN SAVE YOU...!

CHAPTER 16 : KOKU

BASTARD!
ARE YOU SCREWING WITH US!?
THERE'S A WHOLE CROWD HERE...
IT'S...!
THERE! INSIDE THAT HOUSE!
OI...
YOU...!

OFF MY PROPERTY!!
GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS...!
HAH...
IT'S..!

IT'S A MONSTER!
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...KOHAKU?

AH..!
ROKUSUTE, I...
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CRAP..!
THAT WAS TOO MUCH!
THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE MY PREY AWAY..
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DID THAT SCARE HIM TOO MUCH? WHAT SHOULD I DOOOO...!
CAN I EVEN GET AWAY WITH THIS!?
HEY, KOHAKU...

ARE YOU A MAN-EATER?
WHAT ?!
NO! NO WAY! ABSOLU-TELY NOT!
WELL, JUST ASKING.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE WANTED A BITE OUT OF THIS GUY.
!
...YOU DID THIS?

YOU... WANTED TO HUNT A HUMAN?
JUST FOR ME?!
WAIT, SO YOU...
YOU ACTUALLY WENT HERE TO...
YOU SAID YOU WANTED REVENGE, BUT...
HE'S COURTING ME..!
THAT'S..!

..HA.
SEE? I WAS RIGHT.
HE'S NO CARETAKER.
IF HE REALLY WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME, THEN...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE WENT THROUGH WITH THIS, RIGHT..?
HE THREW ME AWAY, RIGHT? SO HE NEVER CARED...
THAT'S WHY I COULD DO IT..
DARLING...
THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS FOR ME.
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EXCUSE ME?
BUT PLEASE, DON'T DO THIS AGAIN...
LOOK WHAT I DID, TRYING TO PROTECT YOU...
OOOH...
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THANKS, FOXY.
I ENDED UP WORRYING YOU YET AGAIN, HAVEN'T I?
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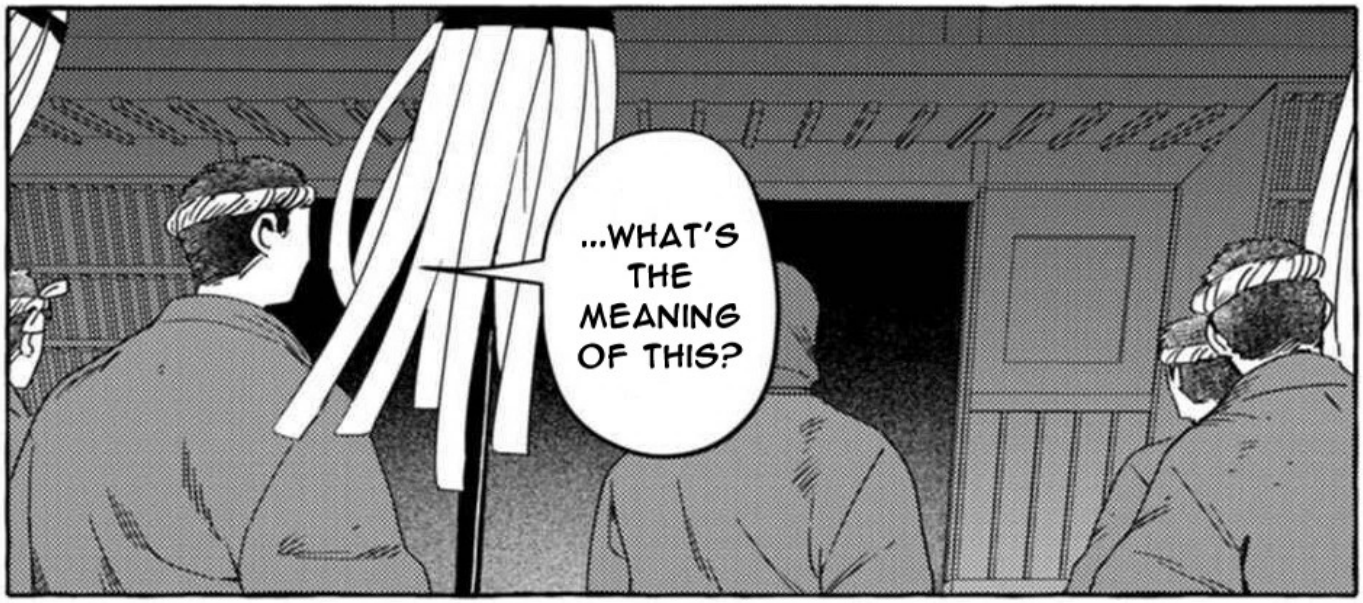
FIRE!
HURRY, PUT IT OUT!
IS ANYONE STILL THERE?!
WE'VE GOT SOME COMPANY...
HAHA! HOW ABOUT ANOTHER MASSACRE?
SHUT UP AND LET'S GO HOME.


...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

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THERE'S NOBODY HERE...
IT'S LIKE WE'VE BEEN TRICKED BY A FOX...
WASN'T THERE A FIRE HERE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO EVERYONE?
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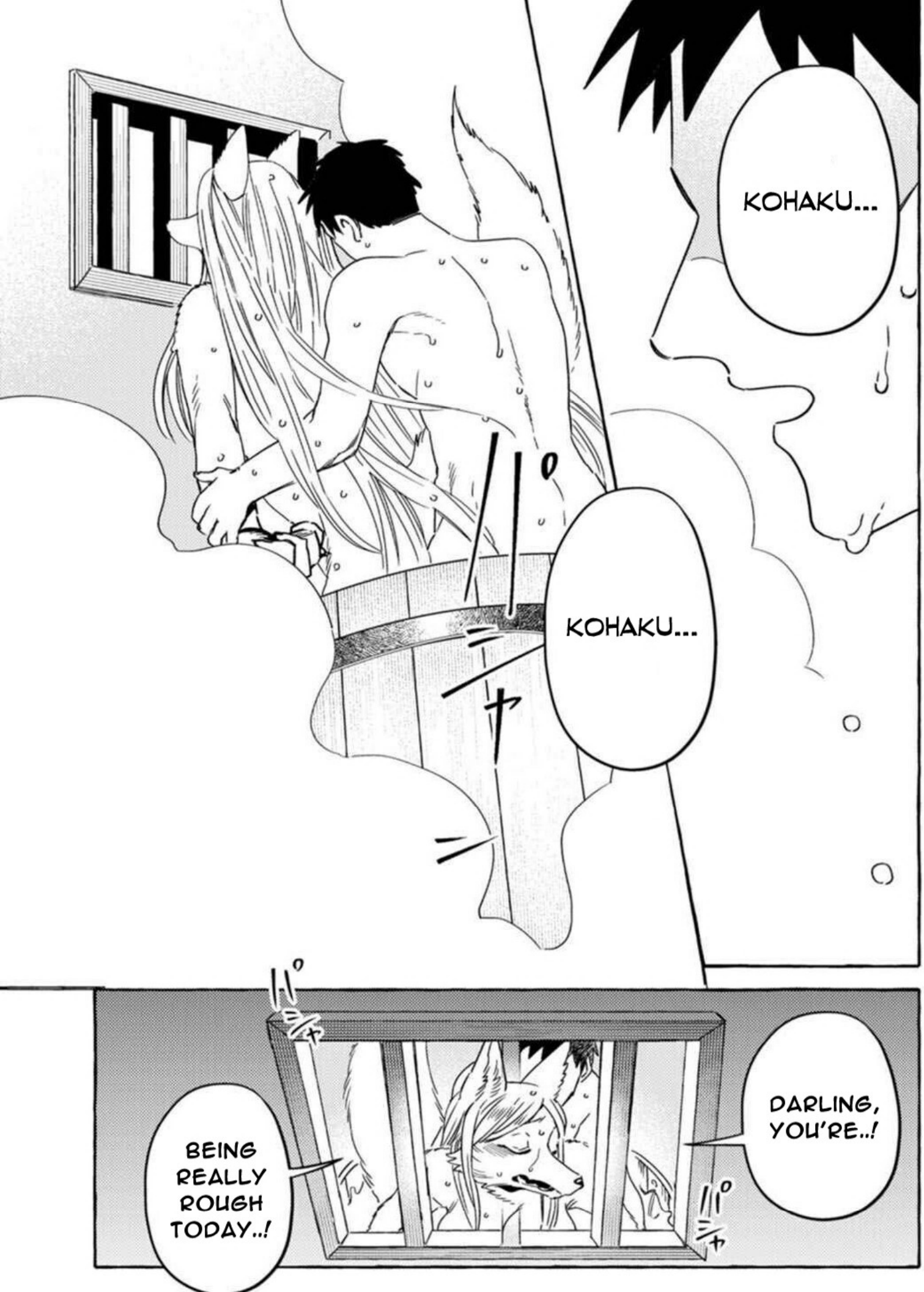
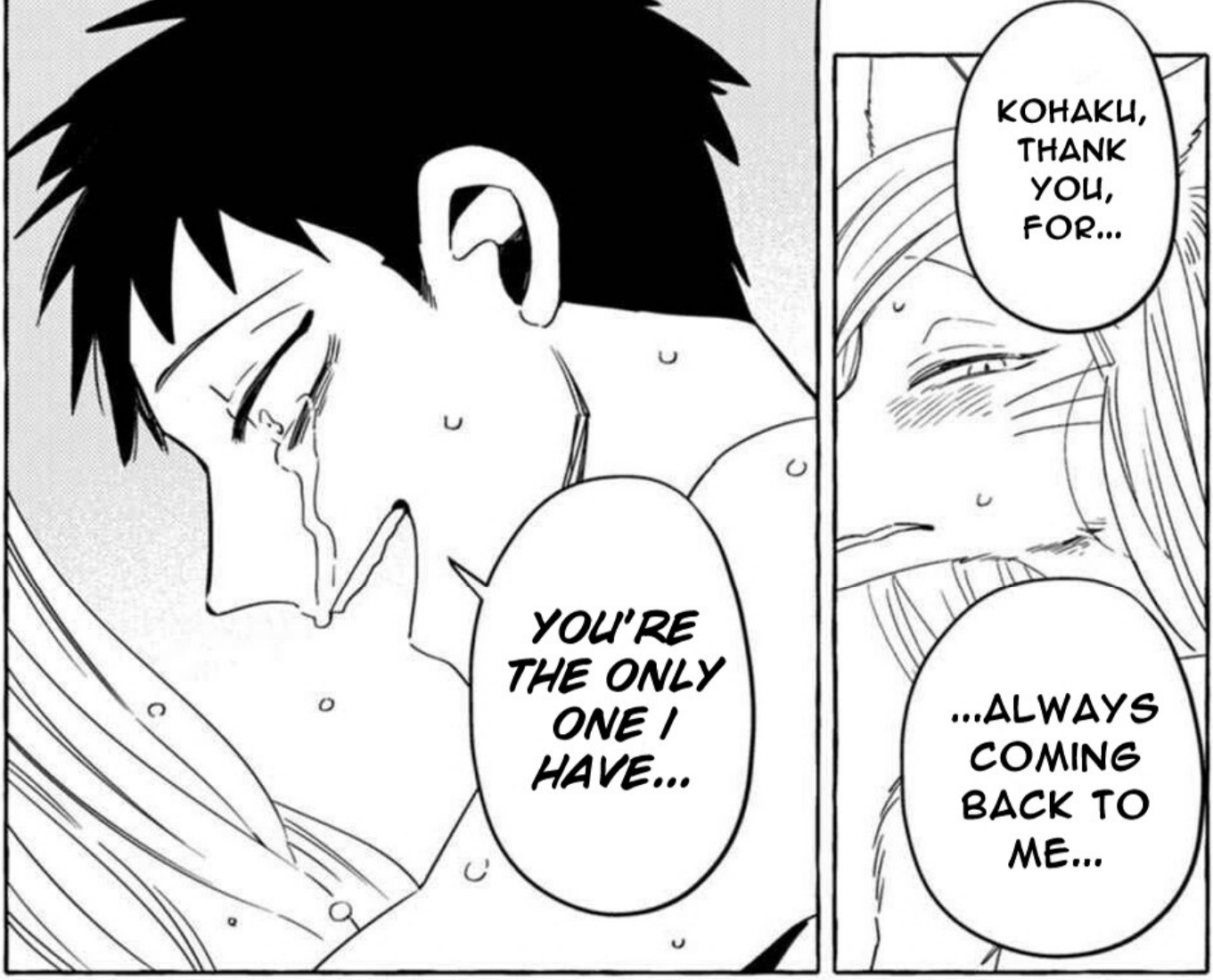

KOHAKU...
KOHAKU...
DARLING, YOU'RE..!
BEING REALLY ROUGH TODAY..!



END OF CHAPTER 16

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【BRIDGE AND MOCHI】

THERE ARE NO SEASONS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, SO THE SENSE OF TIME IS ALL SCREWED UP.
WAIT, THERE'RE NO SEASONS?!
IS... THAT A PROBLEM?
IF THERE'S NO NEW YEARS, THEN THERE'S NO MOCHI! OF COURSE IT'S A PROBLEM!
YOU CAN JUST EAT IT, YOU KNOW.

SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG WITH THIS ONE, IT TOOK ME ALL MONTH!

I'M JUST ONE ANON FROM /TRASH/ WHO REALLY LIKES HUMANS AND ANTHROS GETTING TOGETHER FROM THE HUMAN MALE PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS A FAN TRANSLATION AFTER ALL, SO IT TAKES A WHILE.

THANKS FOR THE PATIENCE.

PLEASE, SUPPORT IWATOBI NEKO BY BUYING THE PHYSICAL COPY OF KOMEN FUUFU.

HE KIND OF LOOKS LIKE ROLAND RIGHT?